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To my good DC Zoning Commissioners and Office of Zoning staff,

I would like my comments below to be included on the public record in ZC Case No. 23-02. And, I ask that the Secretary sign me up to testify on January 18, 2024 in opposition to the rezoning application in this case.

1617 U Street is surrounded by low-rise historic districts with two-and three-story buildings dating back to the 19th century. They are delicate in their foundations and incessant years long construction of a hi-rise building would imminently harm this community.

No where nearby is MU10 zoning. Larger buildings exist along the 16th and 14th street corridors, but that's such a different context than that of 1617 U Street.

It's strange how the Office of Planning reports ignore what kinds of impacts and land value destabilization this rezoning will have on the surrounding community.

And to precipitate what -- a high-rise vastly unaffordable privatized building on public land!?!?

No. We want social housing, not a rezoning that gives us privatized luxury housing on public land. We want compatible infill, not rezoning that brings in a wholly inappropriate 10+ story building. We want the Neighborhood Conservation Area protected and not ignored.

I am opposed to this rezoning application and ask that you ask OP to go back to the drawing board and actually work with the community to build a collaborative plan and resubmit their application to replace the one now before you.

Thank you,
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