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Opposition to 1617 U Street Rezoning:
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Thank you for this opportunity to address the Zoning Commission and case 22-25. My name is Nick DelleDonne and I am president of the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA), dedicated to community engagement and civic action.

The disposition of the city-owned property at 17th Street between U and V has been a matter of concern for DECAA. It is a prominent feature of our neighborhood and its future has important implications for all of us and for the city.

The Office of Planning proposes a Map Amendment to rezone square 017, Lot 826 (1617 U St NW) and Lot 827 (1620 V St NW) from a MU-4 zone to a MU-10 zone. This would allow a developer to build a 10-story building plus a penthouse. The Cairo, the tallest building currently allowed in DC, is 12 stories; just 5 blocks south, it shows what OP's Map Amendment would look like.

Dupont East Citizens Action Association opposes the rezoning of this site to MU-10 and we oppose the sale or long term lease to private developers of this valuable public land. The entire 2-acre site should remain public for public uses and to meet public needs.