

Hello! I am writing to strongly support the proposed changes at 1617 U Street! I think a new apartment building there would be fantastic for many reasons. For one, it would bring more housing in one of the densest parts of the city, allowing more neighbors to live here without a car. Without these homes, those neighbors may instead have to move further out or to the suburbs, and become reliant on a car which they drive into the city. By living in a dense neighborhood near lots of transit, we can have all the benefits of more people without the cost of more cars. Adding more housing will also help bring down costs for other renters nearby, as there will be more competition from more landlords to attract renters. Additionally, affordable housing will help more people with lower incomes live in what is otherwise a very expensive area. As far as I am concerned, I support as tall a building as possible on this site. The more floors, the better!

I am also excited about the potential for added public space and amenities, most importantly a library. It's an area in the city that doesn't have any nearby libraries and that would be a huge improvement for everyone, not just those who end up living in the building.

I am glad that my anc (1C) voted overwhelmingly to support upzoning 1617 U Street and I hope that you take their recommendation and upzone it!
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