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For all commissioners who care about the Chevy Chase community's expressed desires regarding Zoning case 23-25:

This case, which ignored Chevy Chase community wishes, was set down improperly.

Please do the democratic thing and allow Chevy Chase residents to have, as they have requested repeatedly, their voices heard in a contested case.

If the current proposal carries, and we hope and pray it does not, middle income rent payers up and down the Connecticut Ave corridor, will be priced out of the market where they are renting in older buildings. Rentals in the new buildings will be priced out of their reach.

Small businesses will likewise be priced out of their commercial spaces, as they have repeatedly testified.

Please, for the sake of our community and the fixed-income wage earners and pensioners who live here, give us our democratic right to a contested hearing.

Please represent our voices.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Robert Smolik