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Commissioners:

I am a resident of Northwest DC, and I urge the Zoning Commission to approve zoning changes in Case No. 23-25 to allow increased density on Connecticut Avenue (in the Chevy Chase neighborhood) and affordable housing in the "Civic Core" at the Community Center and Library.

I urge the Commission to take into account the primacy of the needs of the entire population of the District of Columbia, and not limit its understanding of need to a small sector of the population in the upper Northwest segment. A vibrant, inclusive community occupying the increased density of the Civic Core will benefit everyone in the District.

Some will argue to you that the "character" of the Connecticut Avenue corridor in the neighborhood must be maintained for "historical" reasons. However, it is not important to cater to an ephemeral and subjective perception of the area at the expense of increased housing opportunities that will benefit the population of residents and families that have been disadvantaged by the actual historic exclusion from the Chevy Chase area by policy and economic circumstance. Please, do not forego actions that will enable cutting the long thread of injustice that has been the root of Chevy Chase history since its inception. Space is scarce in the District. The best and highest use of the space we have is for people, not nostalgia.

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