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Re: Case Number 23-25

Dear Chairman Hood and Commissioners,

I write in support of the Office of Planning (OP)'s proposed rezoning of Connecticut Avenue NW in Chevy Chase between Livingston Street and Chevy Chase Circle. I submitted written testimony in support of OP's proposal at the Commission's hearing on April 29, 2024 (exhibit #177), and I'm gratified that the Commission has proposed to adopt OP's proposal as a change to the zoning regulations.

As a 29-year resident of the area, I am excited for the opportunity to share the schools and parks, transportation networks and retail establishments of this neighborhood with more neighbors, in a way that builds on the existing character of the place. Above all, I am thrilled that this new zoning will enable us to introduce significant new affordable housing to this area as part of rebuilding the library and community center, by making use of the 30% <u>minimum</u> affordability requirement when redeveloping DC public lands.

Our Rock Creek West planning area has fallen far short of Mayor Bowser's goal of 1,990 new dedicated affordable housing units in Rock Creek West by 2025. We in upper Northwest can do better, and I urge the Commission to support this proposal and help move us closer to the goal.

Sincerely,

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