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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

In addition to the below message, which I wholeheartedly endorse, I wanted to add a brief additional point. DC faces a crippling housing crisis, like many cities and regions in this country. On top of this, walkable, mixed use, "human-scale" designed neighborhoods have more demand than supply and face some of the most crippling prices, pushing more and more would-be DC residents to the suburbs of other states. We must approve projects like these when they come up to do our part to address these issues, to do otherwise is a dereliction of duty and care to the community and economy of DC.

Otherwise, I wish to express my support for the decision by the DC Zoning Commission in Case No. 23-25, which rezones parcels along Connecticut Avenue from Chevy Chase Circle to Livingston Street, NW. The decision was made after years of community engagement. These zoning changes are consistent with, and implement the policies of the Comprehensive Plan, the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan, and the Housing Equity Report.

Overall, these zoning changes will foster a more walkable street environment along Connecticut Avenue. The zoning will also guide future potential redevelopment that relates sensitively to its neighbors, foster space for small businesses, and add mixed income housing. For the public library site, the rezoning will facilitate its planned redevelopment with a state-of-the-art new library, community center, and public spaces. In addition, it will also help add much needed permanently affordable housing to this public site.

I urge the Commission to support this rezoning to create a more walkable, vibrant, and inclusive Chevy Chase main street.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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