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Zoning away 100 years of a neighborhood's history without allowing a full review of the City's actions or providing citizens with the right to challenge the City's conclusions is not how a city fighting for the Constitutional Right to vote should act. Zoning case 23-25 was set down improperly; Chevy Chase residents have a right to a contested case so that citizens can present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and have the right to appeal the zoning decision.

The fact that this action, in one of the city's most diverse and historical locations, has raised so much concern from citizens of DC about the alternatives that should be considered and the impact of various implementation options is reason enough for the City to review its actions thoroughly. The methods used by the City in this matter have unlawfully restricted a whole and impartial consideration of the legal issues facing the City's proposed action and the alternatives citizens have requested be considered the least disruptive manner of achieving equity and equality in Chevy Chase, DC.

If the DC does not want to be treated by the US Congress as a "third world bureaucracy," then the City should not act like a "third world bureaucracy." We fully support the request of our neighbors to consider this matter under the established rules of a contested case.

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