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Dear Zoning Commission Chairman Hood and Zoning Commissioners:

Zoning Case 23-25 was set down improperly. Chevy Chase residents have a right to a contested case, so that we can present evidence and cross-examine witnesses, and so that we will have the right to appeal the zoning decision.

As 54-year and 36-year residents of the District of Columbia, we are outraged that the Zoning Commission acted arbitrarily and incorrectly to set down Case 23-25 related to upzoning the Chevy Chase Commons (AKA Chevy Chase Civic Core) as rulemaking, rather than contested. The Zoning Commission took this action — despite the testimony of Attorney Edward Hanlon, who demonstrated clearly that regulations stipulate that the hearing for the CC Commons must be conducted as contested, not as rulemaking; despite the concern of at least one Zoning Commissioner that the hearing should be conducted properly as contested; despite the Resolution of ANC 3/4G Commissioners demanding a contested hearing; and despite the pleas of local residents, including those living adjacent or in close proximity to the CC Commons, that the Commission conduct the hearing as contested.

We protest this abrogation of our rights in the strongest terms.

The Chevy Chase Commons is a prized public resource, not only to the residents of Chevy Chase, but to all citizens of the District of Columbia. The zoning hearing for this significant property should be conducted in a manner that accords us citizens our right to a contested case in compliance with the DC regulation. Please reclassify this case as contested.

Sincerely,

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