
Letter in opposition to ZC 24-11

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Hello,

I am writing to give community feedback on the case ZC 24-11, specifically to strongly oppose the rezoning of the land between New York Avenue, Montana Avenue, and Bladensburg road for industrial use.

I live just north of this project in Brookland. My family drives and bikes past this site -- down Montana to West Virginia Ave -- many times a week. For years I have lamented that this triangle contributes to the desolation of NY Ave when it could be used for building Ivy City into the great central DC neighborhood it could be -- proving space for much needed new housing and walkable neighborhood businesses. DC continues to experience a housing crisis that will only get worse due to rising federal firings that will have an impact for years to come. NY Ave and Ivy City is currently highly underutilized and should be prioritized for mixed use development. Neighborhood ANC and civic groups are invitation opposed to industrial rezoning. Turning this space into yet another warehouse (when many are already available for rent in this corridor!) will allow this space to remain an industrial dead zone. Please do not allow a decade of planning for mixed use to be thrown away.

Sincerely,
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