

Opposition for Zoning Commission Case 24-11

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Date: Sunday, June 14th, 2025

Subject: Letter in Opposition to ZC 24-11, Jemal's Schaeffer LLC & Jemal's Bumper George LLC

Case Summary: Consolidated PUD & Related Map Amendment from MU-5B to PDR-1, New York & Montana Aves. NE (Sq. 4268, Lots 6, 12, 14, 801, 804 & 819; and Parcels 153/113, 153/152 & 153/153) - Ward 5

Dear D.C. Zoning Chairperson Anthony Hood and members of the Zoning Commission:

I am submitting a letter of opposition regarding the Zoning Commission Case 24-11 which would allow rezoning within the Montana Triangle for MU-5B to PDR-1.

Ward 5 and specifically, the Arboretum community and area is a long-standing community where people of diverse backgrounds have chosen to live. The Arboretum neighborhood is a community that would be directly affected by this rezoning. Our area has so much potential for services and jobs for the greater DC community members as we are a gateway into the city from Maryland and the neighborhood which has the beautiful National Arboretum. It's disappointing to see our area continuously be overlooked and converted into industrial zones. Community members live and build their lives in this area. We also deserve walkable community spaces with amenities, stores, and housing. We do not need more industrial zones that provide more pollution, trash, and areas that are not community focused. People live and work in Ward 5 and it is not a community to be overlooked. Ward 5 already includes the highest portion of PDR (Productionssion Distribution and Repair) land in the city.

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Please keep the current "mixed use" designation for the parcel and find ways for the developer to actually create spaces that were envisioned like the "New DC" plan. It's disappointing that the space is currently a bus lot that creates more pollution and brings in trash from the workers throwing their fast food and waste. It sends a message that the city doesn't care about our area or community.

Thank you for considering and allowing our concerns to be voiced on this issue.

Sincerely,

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