
Opposition to ZC Case No. 24-11

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I am writing to register my opposition to Zoning Commission Case No. 24-11. I strongly believe this proposal is not in the best interest of Ward 5 residents or the District as a whole.

First, the developer's approach to this project raises significant concerns about transparency and accountability. Promises were made to the community about the nature and purpose of the development, but what is being presented now is a bait-and-switch that disregards community input and undermines trust in the planning process. Allowing such a shift sets a troubling precedent: developers could misrepresent their intentions during the approval process and later change course once approvals are secured.

Second, Ward 5 already bears a disproportionate share of industrial land use. For decades, our neighborhoods have carried the burden of hosting facilities and zoning designations that other wards do not. Rather than adding more industrial capacity, planning decisions should focus on balancing uses, improving livability, and ensuring equitable distribution of industrial and commercial activities across the District. This case does the opposite—it entrenches inequities rather than addressing them.

The Zoning Commission has a responsibility to protect the integrity of the planning process and to ensure that the voices of residents are not sidelined in favor of developer interests. I urge you to deny this case and insist that development in Ward 5 reflect genuine community engagement, equitable land use distribution, and the commitments initially made to residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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