
Support Zoning Case 24-12 -- Mixed Income Housing at 4201 Garrison Street NW

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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

I wish to express my support for Zoning Case No. 24-12 (Harrison Wisconsin Owner, LLC – Consolidated PUD & Related Zoning Map Amendment @ Square 1666, Lot 810 and a Portion of Lot 809 [4201 Garrison Street, N.W.]).

I live in Friendship Heights Village across the DC line and Friendship Heights is my neighborhood on both sides of the boundary. Recently GEICO announced it was moving from Friendship Heights to Bethesda because Bethesda is a more vibrant area that helps the company attract employees. Friendship Heights has lost the vibe. We need more housing and people in the neigh or good to attract retail stores to get the FH groove back.

The proposal to build a 50-foot tall building with 126 units -- 33% affordable at 50, 60 and 80% median family income is an important contribution to creating a more vibrant and inclusive Ward 3 and transit-oriented, sustainable city. The building design fits into its context, providing transition from the larger buildings on Wisconsin Avenue and the lower scale neighborhood adjacent to the corridor. The site is currently occupied by surface parking and a decommissioned 705-foot television tower -- so housing is certainly a much improved use! The site is only two blocks from the Friendship Heights Metro station entrance, along with many services and shops. It's a great place to build more housing -- we need more of it!

The 126 new homes -- a third of which are affordable -- is an important advance to bringing more new and diverse housing opportunities to Friendship Heights and Ward 3.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mr Paul Brown

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