

Testimony Support of ZC Case No. 24-15, 901 Monroe Street, LLC

Good afternoon/evening everyone.

I live a few blocks away from the site of the proposed development and I typically walk by the site, especially the Monroe Street side of the site, multiple times per week. From the time I moved here, I wondered why such a large plot of land was vacant. Even before I knew about the ongoing attempts to develop the piece of land, I thought it would be an excellent site for an apartment building due to its proximity to the Metro and because I believe that the building would create a stronger connection between Brookland and Edgewood. Currently, the vacant site creates an uninviting dead zone which fragments these neighborhoods. This will also be advantageous at night, as currently that stretch of Monroe Street feels deserted after dark.

This has kept it at the top of my mind during my time living in the area. Even as it is, the current stretch of sidewalk is extremely unpleasant, as it is narrow, up against a fence, and periodically blocked by obstacles such as utility poles. This development would add an attractive building and improve the sidewalks. Additional housing will provide a larger customer base for nearby businesses. This will be a more inviting image for Brookland to present to current and future residents as well as visitors than the current condition of the site.

Thank you.