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Good morning,

I am writing in support of the Office of Planning's upzoning proposals on Connecticut Avenue (Cleveland Park and Woodley Park) as well as Wisconsin Avenue, Case 25-09 and Case 25-13 respectively. Expanding mixed-use zones in Ward 3 is long overdue, not just to address the realities of our current city (lack of affordable housing) but also to address historical wrongs. Zoning and racial covenants as well as heavy-handed use of eminent domain pushed out Black families in prior decades. Suburban neighborhoods were purposely designed for White, high-income residents. A small group of embittered residents of Ward 3 have managed to stifle plans for re-development over the years, and large swaths of Ward 3 have stagnated as a result. We need more housing, more diversity and more community in Ward 3. If people want to live in suburban fortresses...I suggest looking at real estate in McLean, VA or Potomac, MD. Here in DC, the vast majority of Ward 3 residents want affordable housing for our neighbors, so people can live and play in their neighborhoods where they work, so we can have a diverse fabric that reflects our international and historical city. It has been so frustrating to see these efforts shut down over time. But speaking for myself, I am not angry--the Office of Planning's proposals represent a path forward, an exciting one, and one that will make those of who make our lives in Ward 3 proud. Thank you for advancing these proposals, and I look forward to what the future holds.

Sincerely,
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