My name is Judy Klevins.

I am a 5+year resident/renter at 1331 Maryland Ave, SW DC---the building across the street from 401 14th st. I had planned on staying at 1331 for the fore seeable future. I love my neighborhood: the views, trees, proximity to volunteering, the spectacular museums and monuments, and I love the tidal basin pedal boats. (I do feel I'm taking my life in my hands crossing the streets bordering 401 14th to get to these neighborhood gems.)

On one of those walks I saw a poster of a request to change the property zoning of ---401-14th Street SW---to D-8 zoning. This giving of permission (through D-8 zoning) to the new owners to do anything----like tear down the "Old Liberty Law Building" and erect a 10+ stories high building---would bring adverse impacts to the beauty and safety of my neighborhood.

There are two additional apartment buildings being constructed close to 401 and of 1331: 1301 Maryland Ave with 356 units and 1250 Mayland ave with 428 units. These 784 additional residents will be competing for services like delivery and pick up, safe walking, green space, and safe vehicle driving and parking for those who need private vehicles. Can you imagine so many more residents trying to cross the street with the addition of a larger and taller building at 401 14th. street?

Zoning 401 14th. Street “D-8” could make this much worse and also permit the tearing down of a **historic preservation covenant property**.

The remedy? Renovate the Old Liberty Law building, don’t tear it down or build it up. Preserve the landscaping and green space. Keeping the building intact will also help preserve the interstate tunnel entry that currently cuts through the building.

This land is designated Parks Recreation and Open Space on the future Land Use Map and Federal Lands, Neighborhood conservation Area – keep it that way. Restrict the height and the footprint.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this after the meeting. My connections to your phones dropped during the meeting, and the on-line microphone activation did not function. That said, I so appreciate your respect and desire for citizen input.

Although the D-8 zoning was passed by the commission, I hope you assign and let me know the agency or people responsible for making your desire to preserve the building’s renovation and integrity continues.

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