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Lindsley Williams, Chairman  
The Zoning Commission, Room 11  
The District Building  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Williams:

We are writing to express our opinion on the possible rezoning of the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park neighborhoods. We attended the Commission's meeting in October, and were pleased to see that prompt action is being taken. We ask that you, and the other members of the Commission, give sympathetic consideration to the proposals presented by Mr. Green and staff, and the position taken by the Cleveland Park Historical Society.

We believe that both Cleveland Park and Woodley Park already provide a mix of services for both neighborhood residents and visitors from other parts of the city and beyond. These areas have no lack of economic vitality today, and large-scale commercial development would only displace -- and render less accessible -- the resident-serving retail businesses upon which we depend. Thus, we heartily support restrictions on building height and curb cuts, as well as limitations on the growth of the bar-restaurant trade and the elimination of housing and resident-oriented businesses.

The strains on neighborhood services created by the presence of magnets like the Uptown Theater and Woodley Park's hotels evince the area's inability to sustain the development that is already being charted. Construction already underway along Wisconsin Avenue provides a concrete negative example. Please support neighborhood-sustaining zoning changes.

Sincerely,

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