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3726 Conn. Ave., N.W. #421  
Washington, D.C. 20008

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

Re: Case No. 86-26

Dear Chairman Williams:

As a resident of Cleveland Park, I am writing to support the rezoning of Connecticut and Wisconsin Avenues in that neighborhood as proposed in the Cleveland Park Historical Society's rezoning petition. I understand the Zoning Commission will address this issue at a hearing Jan. 28.

There are many excellent reasons to rezone the Conn. Ave. and Wisconsin Ave. areas in Cleveland Park to prevent the type of massive office/retail construction that has ruined the character and quality of other neighborhoods:

1. The Cleveland Park Historic District can only preserve its historic buildings without further inappropriate commercial development.
2. Large-scale office buildings such as those allowed under the current zoning will create traffic congestion, parking problems, and pollution.
3. Increase in rents caused by the expense of large-scale development will drive out existing small neighborhood businesses and bring in only those types of businesses that can afford the higher rents - fast food places, bars, etc.
4. The neighborhood will not be able to keep its residential character with any large-scale commercial development.

I urge the D.C. government to enforce its Comprehensive Plan which calls for Connecticut and Wisconsin Ave. shopping areas to be "low-density", "local neighborhood centers" with the lowest zoning classification, which is what the Cleveland Park rezoning petition calls for. I would like to be able to count on government officials to protect the needs and quality of life of local residents rather than the pocketbooks of giant commercial developers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Little

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