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

RE: Case No. 86-26

Dear Mr. Williams:

As new homeowners in the Cleveland Park neighborhood, my husband and I urge the D.C. Zoning Commission to reject the 11-story development proposed for the Park and Shop, and down zone this area to C-1 to protect our neighborhood.

We purchased our home in Cleveland Park because it is a quiet, close-in neighborhood in a city which is becoming increasingly "Manhattan-ized." We feel strongly about preserving this historic neighborhood.

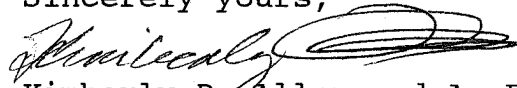
Downtown Washington suffers from a glut of empty office buildings. We hardly see the need to ruin one of the few remaining neighborhoods by adding another empty monstrosity. In addition, the downtown Washington area is a virtual ghost town after rush hour. Thus, while our merchants may benefit somewhat, we hardly think this will outweigh the permanent damage which would be caused by the proposed construction.

Further, Cleveland Park already suffers from parking problems. Commuters park on our streets during the daytime to ride the subway, and on the weekends to go to the Uptown theater. A new office building would increase astronomically the parking and pollution problems, and would seriously decrease the quality of neighborhood life.

New office construction is already squeezing out, and making undesirable, the neighborhoods of Tenleytown, McLean Gardens, and Bethesda. We want to prevent this from happening to Cleveland Park.

For all these reasons, we urge the Commission to down zone the Park and Shop to C-1, and we plan to attend Monday's Zoning Commission hearing.

Sincerely yours,



Kimberly D. Allan and A. Richard Tolles

cc. Cleveland Park Historical Society

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