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Mr. Lindsley Williams  
chairman  
D.C. Zoning commission  
The District Building, Room 11  
Washington, D.C. 20004

ZONING COMMISSION

CASE No.

86-26

EXHIBIT No.

292

Dear Mr. Williams:

I write to you as a resident of one of Washington D.C.'s lovely old neighborhoods, Cleveland Park. I am writing to ask that Cleveland Park not be zoned for large scale, inappropriate development. The neighborhood should be rezoned appropriately. There is a need to enforce the comprehensive plan, plan appropriately given the problems with traffic, parking and pollution and to bring zoning into line with Cleveland as an Historic District. Citizens should be able to count on their government officials to protect city neighborhoods and not turn them into another downtown. If your residents flee the city and you gain large office buildings, you lose a large tax base and make the city inhabitable. New York is a good example of this and now they are losing their large corporations and businesses. Plan for the long range needs not the short term case. This neighborhood is a special place for families to live in and for the city to enjoy as an example of fine turn of the century architecture.

Cleveland Park is a place that is friendly and open to all. It is similar to a small town where everyone knows each other and helps each other. There are potluck suppers for new neighbors moving in, block parties to help the local elementary school and to bring neighbors together and there is visiting in the local shops on Connecticut and Wisconsin Avenues. Those shops are important and integral part of the neighborhood. All of the shopkeepers are known by name and the atmosphere is one of a true neighborhood, not of highrises and unfriendliness. One's children are known by name as you shop and pleasantries are exchanged. You have a constancy and continuum from year to year. The stores along Connecticut Avenue are especially important because they are an extension of the neighborhood and people come from other areas of the city to be part of this feeling.

On Saturdays and Sundays we often see visitors from the city or from out of town going up and down the streets looking at the artchitecture. When we talk to them they express how wonderful it is to see areas like this so near to a large city. The feeling

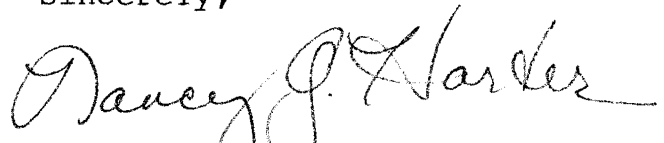
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is different in the Cleveland Park section of shops than it is around DuPont Circle, in Georgetown, at Van Ness Center or out at Friendship. One of the few other places that has the same feeling is Chevy Chase Circle. Please don't let others destroy one of the last places like this.

I ask the the zoning commission to save a piece of Washington. Preserve what is here instead of making it a canyon of office buildings and cold shops where nobody knows anybody. There are only a few neighborhoods which have not gone the way of huge development. Preserve them now so that our children and their children will know and appreciate something other than mass commercialism.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. I appreciate all that you and the zoning commission do. As citizens we are fortunate that there is such a process and that we can express our feelings and are able to share our needs.

Sincerely,



Nancy G. Harter

# DEVELOPER TO CITIZENS:

"If you want quiet, then you --

# GO TO THE SUBURBS!"

## Citizens Reply:

## We're Staying and Fighting For Our City and Our Neighborhood!

HOW? BY CHANGING THE ZONING to preserve the residential nature of Conn. Av. and keep out massive office buildings.

WHEN? AT HEARINGS SET FOR JAN. 25, 1:30 pm.  
(continuing at 7 pm., Jan 28, if necessary.)

WHERE? THE DISTRICT BUILDING, Room 9, 13th & Pa. Ave.  
3 blks. from Metro Center, ½ blk. from Fed. Triangle

COME AND SHOW THE CITY YOU CARE! AND WRITE LETTERS TO:

(by Jan. 28 deadline)

Mr. Lindsley Williams, Chairman (re: Case #86-26)  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
The District Building, Room 11  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Letters should be brief. Possible discussion points include: Neighborhood is not appropriate for large-scale office use • Traffic • Parking • Pollution • Need for city to enforce its Comprehensive Plan • Need to bring zoning into line with Historic District • Citizens should be able to count on gov't officials to protect city neighborhoods.

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For more information contact Cleveland Park Historical Society, Exec. Director, Kathleen S. Wood, 244-1276. To join please send \$25 to CPHS c/o Membership Director Danny Ince, 3224 Highland Pl., NW, Cleveland Park, D.C. 20008.