

Re: Case # 86-26

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ZONING SECRETARIAT,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dear Mr. Williams,

As a resident of Cleveland Park (and Ordway Gardens), I am writing to express my support of the Cleveland Park Historical Society and the ANC 3C proposal to modify the zoning in the commercial area along Connecticut Ave. between Macomb and Porter Streets.

When I and a vast majority of other Cleveland Park homeowners bought homes and condominiums in this neighborhood, it was because we wanted a real neighborhood with small shops and restaurants, flowers, trees and sunshine. A place where you can walk around and see your friends and neighbors and not have to deal with the congestion and parking hassles of living in a Foggy Bottom or Wisconsin Ave. The large scale development currently proposed by outside developers will destroy the character and the beauty of this community. If a neighborhood can have a soul, then indeed it would destroy its very soul. It would be a

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terrible tragedy to turn Cleveland Park into another Van Ness. It would be a tragedy not only for the residents, but for the thousands of visitors who come to our neighborhood to go to the zoo, the restaurants and movie theatre. As the Uptown Theatre is the last of the grand Art Deco theatres still in use in D.C., let us preserve the rest of this historical neighborhood.

Finally, while the parking situation is not as bad as downtown, Georgetown or Adams Morgan, the high density and type of development being proposed will turn Cleveland Park into a nightmare. I sincerely doubt that the increase in Metro usage will come anywhere near to approaching the increase in ~~and~~ vehicular traffic that this proposed development will generate.

Please support the Historical Society and
ANC 3C.

Sincerely,
Mary Anne Russos
President,
Ordway Gardens Condo Assoc.