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Mr. Lindsley Williams, Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
District Building, Room 11
Washington, D.C. 20024

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TOMMS SECRETARIAT,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dear Mr. Williams:

RE: Case 86-26
Support for Re-zoning in Cleveland Park

I urge your commission's support of the Cleveland Park Historical Society, et.al., petition to re-zone the Cleveland Park area in questttion -- to preserve the residential nature of Cleveland Park and to prohibit massive development that would drive the lower and middle income property owners out of the area and out of the District of Columbia. I note the following points for your consideration:

1. I purchased my home in Cleveland Park because I like the neighborhood atmosphere within the city limits; I like the low density, I like the small business establishments and services, and I like the safety of the neighborhood;
2. I support, and appreciate, the efforts of those in Cleveland Park who prefer to preserve and restore and rehabilitate, rather than proceed with massive demolition and new development;
3. Parking in Cleveland Park is woefully inadequate, now;
4. Public studies have shown that, at the end of the subway line in Prince Georges County where a massive office building was built, that 8% of the workers use the sybway, whereas 92% of the workers drive to work;
5. As you know, Ward 3 Council Member Jim Nathanson and others visited the city of Atlanta to look at a new subway system vs. development, and discovered that, in fact, one subway stop (which had an historic designation similar to Cleveland Park's) has remained a low density neighborhood without affecting the viability of the subway system. (Another note: as a subway commuter, I can tell you that during rush hour, the Cleveland Park subway stop cannot handle an influx of new commuters, even if they were to occur);
6. The Cleveland Park Historical Society, and others, have made alternative suggestions and proposals of moderate development and rehabilitation for Cleveland Park that would enhance the economic base ase well as the appearance of Cleveland Park, yet would preserve the neighborhood; and

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6. The District of Columbia Office of Planning support the re-zoning of Cleveland Park. I have not seen their recent report, but I was very encourage by their testimony at your January 14 hearing.

There are lots of other arguments for your support of the Cleveland Park Historical Society, et.al., petition. Since I attended your January 14 opening hearing, I understand a lot more about the process, and I appreciate your obvious interest in each of the Connecticut Avenue areas involved in Case 86-26.

I urge your personal support for the preservation and restoration of a vibrant community in Cleveland Park. I, for one, would like to live in Cleveland Park for a long time. However, I assure you that if the basic character of my Cleveland Park neighbordood is destroyed because of the Zoning Commission's decision, I will be among the first to sell my home and move out of the District of Columbia.

Plese support the Cleveland Park citizens.

Sincerely,



Martha R. Graff

CC: The Honorable Marion Barry
Fred Green, Office of Planning
Jim Nathanson, City Council Member
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Roger Burns