

PM 1:41  
ZONING SECRETARIAT,  
BUREAU OF CITY PLANNING

3021 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
January 25, 1988

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

Re: Z.C Case #86-26,  
Woodley Park

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing in support of changing the zoning of Woodley Park to C-1 or C-2-A, that is more reflective of the Comprehensive Plan. I believe that this step would help to preserve the residential aspects of our neighborhood, and would stop the further encroachment of development that we already have in the area, with commercial traffic overflowing onto the residential streets.

Because most of the commercial buildings were once townhouses, I think it is important that any new commercial development complement in bulk, height and architectural design the commercial buildings already present, thereby highlighting the uniqueness of the residential appearance of the Woodley Park commercial district.

This brings me to another point. I am strongly against the Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) that could permit 90 foot height buildings. They would be out of character with the current neighborhood, and would not be in harmony with the current neighborhood in terms of design, height and traffic generated.

Although most developers see office space as the most lucrative type of development, we contend that the neighborhood does and will continue to support our restaurants and other retail shops. I strongly encourage the Zoning Commission to not permit office-type development that would be fatal to the nighttime activities and life of the current commercial district and would engender increased security problems for the residents.

In closing, I believe that Woodley Park already has significant commercial activity, does more than its share of providing employment as a result of the Shoreham, the Sheraton and the Zoo, and provides numerous uses tied to the Metro. Any additional commercial development must be granted sparingly, and with the thought of maintaining the already thriving residential and commercial life of Woodley Park.

Thank you for your attention to these views in your deliberations.

W  
**ZONING COMMISSION**  
CASE No. **86-26**  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO. 86-26  
EXHIBIT No. **344**

Sincerely yours,

Mimi Wang Feinstone

Mimi Wang Feinstone