

Following the death of our father nearly fifty years ago, my sister, Frances S. Onacewicz, and I, Elizabeth S. Kiernan, native Washingtonians and permanent residents of this city, became the owners of a prominent corner building at 2601 Connecticut Avenue and Calvert Street N. W., known as Lot 835 in Square 2204, zoned C-2-B.

At what can well be described as the gateway to upper Connecticut Avenue, the busy, highly visible, long term commercial area in which our building lies is directly adjacent to large hotels, apartments, a major Metro station and one of the District of Columbia's most important intersections.

Because of its superb location, we actively oppose any attempt to have our property downzoned via an overlay or any other kind of plan, to become a restricted, low or no growth, reduced income real estate sector, especially when the area is crying for first class commercial development convenient to but not encroaching on nearby residential Woodley Park property.

We do not recommend, nor do we desire, mammoth buildings such as rightly aroused the ire of Wisconsin Avenue neighbors last year. Neither do we seek to build or operate beyond our historic, legal zoning. Having paid considerable taxes for such zoning over a period of nearly five decades, however, we believe we have every legal right to retain it intact.

As long term, tax paying, caring owners of valuable commercial property whose time for rightful development has come, my sister and I vigorously protest the overlay plan as an unfair threat to our real property rights and to those of other owners.

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