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Washington, D.C. 20008

June 21, 1988

Ms. Maybelle Bennett, Chair
D.C. Zoning Commission
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Case 86-26

Dear Madam Chairman:

This letter is to strongly endorse the petition by the Cleveland Park Historical Society to limit PUDs in the Cleveland Park overlay zone to no more than 40' in height and no more than 2.0 FAR, with 1.0 of that FAR limited to residential use.

One of the main reasons for the overlay zone is to decrease the pressure to tear down existing structures. This should permit the existing neighborhood services to remain economically viable. Permitting PUDs to exceed the height and FAR limits recently established in the Cleveland Park overlay zone would serve to undermine that overlay and reduce its effectiveness in preserving the historic integrity of the area which has recently been placed in the National Register of Historic Districts. The 40' height limit and the 2.0 FAR included in the Cleveland Park overlay zone should be regarded as maximums that are not subject to PUD exception.

We hope that the Zoning Commission can act affirmatively on the Cleveland Park Historical Society proposal so that the integrity of the District can be maintained and the commercial viability enhanced.

Very truly yours,

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