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Mr. Edward Curry
Zoning Secretariat
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Rm. 11
Washington, D.C. 20004

July 5, 1988

Re: Case No. 86-26
Cleveland Park
Overlay Zone

Dear Mr. Curry:

I am writing in support of the Cleveland Park Historical Society request to limit PUD developments to 40 feet and 2.0 FAR. As an older resident of the Connecticut Avenue corridor (Woodley Park), Co-Chair of the Iona House Citizens Advisory Council, and member of the D.C. Commission on Aging, I base my support on the importance of retaining the neighborhood character of Connecticut Ave. As described in my testimony for the Zoning Commission on January 25, 1988, and as illustrated in the attached front page article from today's Washington Post, neighborhood services and a stable community are very important to the well-being of older persons. I believe in maintaining the low density and local neighborhood center concepts of the D.C. Comprehensive Plan.

Iona House Senior Services is designated by the D.C. Office on Aging as one of five lead agencies which carry out planning and coordinating as well as service functions, using both public and private funds. One of its locations is near the corner of Connecticut and Porter, the Adas Israel Synagogue, where 30 - 50 seniors have a hot lunch and enjoy activities every week day. It is very important to these older persons that the traffic be reduced, not increased, and that stores cater to their needs as well as those of young professionals. Older people want to remain independent in their own homes whenever possible, and the community should support this interest. As the attached statistics show, the extremely high proportion of persons 60 and over in the Connecticut Ave. area warrants taking a special look at their needs and taking such steps as creating a new Overlay Zone to keep down the size and scale of new developments.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Haugen
Ruth Haugen, Co-Chair
Iona House Citizens
Advisory Council

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Number of Percentage of Persons
Age 60 +, 75+ and 85+ by
ANC in Ward 3

<u>ANC</u>	<u>Age 60+</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Age 75+</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Age 85+</u>	<u>%</u>
3B	2,777	13.4	1,011	12.6	212	10.4
3C	4,664	22.6	1,889	23.6	534	26.2
3D	2,249	10.9	665	8.3	129	6.3
3E	2,884	14.0	1,203	15.0	297	14.6
3F	4,329	20.9	1,654	20.6	408	20.0
3G	<u>3,769</u>	<u>18.2</u>	<u>1,597</u>	<u>19.9</u>	<u>457</u>	<u>22.5</u>
Total	20,672	100%	8,019	100%	2,037	100%
ANC 3E + 3F (mid - Conn. Ave)	8,993	43.5	3,543	44.2	942	46.2

1980 US Census by Advisory Neighborhood Commissions
Tables 3 and 10, Dept. of Planning,
District of Columbia 1985

Connecticut: Golden Avenue For the District's Elderly

Area Provides a Glimpse of Future U.S.

By Molly Sinclair
Washington Post Staff Writer

When Marjorie Willcox, 82, shops at her local Giant in Northwest Washington's Van Ness Center, she has a wide choice of single-serving packages, making it easy for her to buy one pork chop, a single muffin or a handful of grapes. If she tires while shopping, she can rest on one of the store's several benches.

At Ernesto's, a nearby hair salon, Willcox can rely on beauticians who are proficient at coloring and styling the gray hair of the older women who live in the neighborhood.

And at the Peoples Drug Store in the same block, Willcox can take advantage of the 10 percent discount offered to senior citizens buying prescription and store products. Because of the

large number of seniors in the area, the store "sells a lot of antacids, health care items, things that aren't real big in the suburbs or the downtown stores," said manager Jack Hurtle.

These are the small patterns of life along Connecticut Avenue, small patterns designed around one of the most intense concentrations of elderly people in the country.

One of every six people in the United States is age 60 or older, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. But the elderly population is expected to double over the next three decades as baby boomers retire, Census Bureau studies indicate, so that by 2020, one of every four Americans will be part of the 60-and-older generation.

Connecticut Avenue is there
See ELDERLY, A8, Col. 1



BY DARREL ELLIS—THE WASHINGTON POST

Marjorie Willcox: "Everybody is bound to need services as she gets older."

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SEE FILE AT ZONING COMMISSION