

2719 Ordway Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
September 16, 1987

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

Dear Mr. Williams:

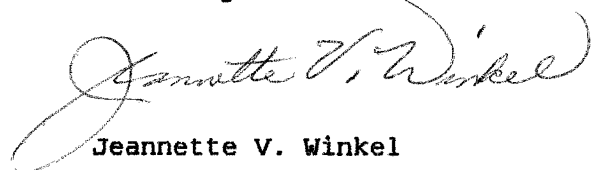
I am writing to protect the present commercial structure and status of the shopping area between Macomb Street, N.W. and Porter Street, N.W. With the imminent closing of the Safeway store and new ownership of the block that Safeway presently occupies, I am deeply concerned that these very much appreciated and needed neighborhood stores remain as a viable part of the lives of all Cleveland Park citizens. For many decades they have served the the elderly and handicapped, in particular, who depend on these services to meet their basic daily needs.

Rezoning in this area that would eliminate the kind of stores that these people need and depend on would present a grave hardship on them. Also, this particular neighborhood continues to prosper and attract new residents due in large part to the very nature of the service-related institutions and present small-scale, diverse commercialism that exist today. As a twelve-year resident on Ordway Street, I am well aware of the many non-residents who inquire weekly about availability of renting or purchasing in this area based on the attractiveness and uniqueness of the diverse commercialism and many service-related organizations that are so conveniently packed into a mere two blocks.

I enjoin you and your staff to remain cognizant that this shopping area is not in a moribund state. If anything, it is alive and well and has every sign of prospering in the future. 'Small' is very good in this case, good for the residents and good for continued, vigorous commercialism. To enlarge on it with redevelopment schemes that force out viable and much needed neighborhood stores would be counterproductive and a great loss to Cleveland Park residents.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue.

Sincerely,

  
Jeannette V. Winkel

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