Ordway Gardens Condominium Board of Directors 2725A Ordway Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008

September 17, 1987

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

> RE: Cleveland Park Safeway Closing and Cleveland Park Zoning

Dear Mr. Williams;

On behalf of our Board of Directors and over 200 condominium owners and residents, as well as the entire Cleveland Park community, I am writing to you for help.

The October 17 closing of the Cleveland Park Safeway is just the latest in a series of ongoing problems caused by the lack of strong and meaningful zoning in this area of the city. If this Safeway closes, it will cause hardship to the neighborhood's elderly, and will be an incentive for young people to give up and move out of the District.

We support the Cleveland Park historic designation, and the efforts of the citizens' groups and individuals who have fought long and hard to get it. We urge you to move ahead with the necessary zoning to support that historic designation, and to encourage neighborhood commercial establishments -- rather than zoning to encourage highrise office-type buildings that will drive out the remaining small businesses.

It is imperative that there is some kind of visible activity in this regard from your office as Council Member Jim Nathanson and his colleagues, and other key players in this particular situation, negotiate for a satisfactory outcome of this crisis. We urge your support in this critical instance, and also for sustaining the entire Cleveland Park neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Robert Rovinsky, President

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