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

Dear Chairman Williams:

We are writing to ask that your agency act as quickly as possible in developing a zoning scheme that prevents excessively dense development of the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park neighborhoods. We consider this matter especially urgent because speculation-driven real estate values appear to be driving out neighborhood businesses upon which all residents, but especially elderly residents, depend. The announced closing of the Cleveland Park Safeway supermarket is but the most recent and most serious blow to the neighborhood's commercial lifeline.

We trust that your concern for the maintenance of viable residential areas provides sufficient incentive to protect our part of the city as a place to live. However, we would also point out that individual citizens wield the voting power on which your agency's authority ultimately depends, and they locate in the District without making immodest demands, such as those for artificially low assessed values and tax rates.

Sincerely,

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