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

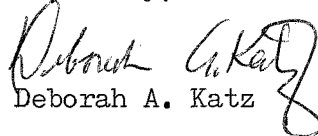
Dear Mr. Williams,

In the wake of Safeway's announcement that it plans to close our local store in Cleveland Park, I am writing to urge that immediate attention be given to foreclosing even the contemplation of redevelopment schemes which will eliminate the small stores and businesses in our neighborhood. These stores provide a combination of genuine neighborliness and convenience and their human scale lining the sidewalk encourages browsing and strolling from store to store. The Safeway is clearly the anchor for all of these stores and businesses and its passing will mean the passing of a neighborhood of the sort that the suburbs just cannot offer, unless something is done to counteract this trend immediately. Most tragically, the many elderly people who live in the apartment buildings clustering around the business district will surely be at a loss for daily essentials.

Specifically, I am asking that at least the Connecticut Avenue corridor in Cleveland Park be rezoned to permit only low-rise development and that this development be conditioned on retention of a supermarket in the neighborhood as well as other neighborhood stores. Immediate action in this regard will discourage local property owners from, in effect, forcing out stores such as Safeway in anticipation of what they imagine would be more lucrative dividends from high-rise development.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future as to what steps are being taken to protect our neighborhood. We certainly do not want to become another downtown Bethesda where no one would even think of strolling!

Sincerely,


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