

*The Carlton Condominium*

2829 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
(202) 387-9090

September 23, 1987

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

Dear Mr. Williams:

Planned Closing of the Safeway grocery store at 3427 Connecticut Ave (Cleveland Park)

The loss of the Cleveland Park Safeway will be a true hardship on the residents of the neighborhood between the Sheraton Hotel and Van Ness. The next closest grocery is at Van Ness, some 3.5 miles from the Sheraton area.

The area is densely populated, and most shoppers walk to the Safeway pulling a small grocery cart. The elderly and the young professionals who populate the neighborhood, for the most part, do not have cars. The availability of a grocery in the neighborhood is essential. The population mix probably could not afford to shop regularly at a "delly" or a gourmet grocery. We need our neighborhood Safeway.

Please assert your influence to prevent the neighborhood from losing its neighborhood character -- and its only grocery.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

The Carlton Condominium Unit Owners Association

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Honorable Marion Barry, Jr.  
The District Building  
5th floor  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mayor Barry:

Planned Closing of the Safeway Grocery Store at 3427 Connecticut Avenue (Cleveland Park)

The residents of our condominium building are typical of the residents of the neighborhood between The Sheraton Hotel and Van Ness: the elderly and young, single professionals. Having a neighborhood grocery accessible by foot and with use of a pull grocery cart is essential to those in the area who have no cars. The metro and busses are great, but managing groceries on that public transportation is not easy.

The closing of the Cleveland Park Safeway will be a significant hardship to residents of this neighborhood. The next closest grocery store is at Van Ness (some 3.5 miles from the Sheraton). Transportation is a serious problem. One cannot pull a grocery cart that distance!

Please use your influence to encourage the Safeway owners to continue to operate this necessary neighborhood grocery store.

Very truly yours.



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Mr. Larry Johnson  
Safeway Corporation  
6000 Conumbia Park Road  
Landover, Maryland 20785

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re: Safeway at 3427 Connecticut Avenue, NW ( Cleveland Park, D.C.)

The closing of the Safeway in Cleveland Park will be a genuine hardship on the residents of that neighborhood.

If you were to visit the store and look at the customer mix, you would be struck by the number of elderly and the number of young professionals. The neighborhood does not have family housing, for the most part. The elderly and the young professionals, for the most part, do not have cars, so they walk or bus to the store. Most pull small grocery carts for transporting groceries home. The closing of that store means that the next nearest grocery of any type (Safeway or other) is the Safeway at Van Ness (3 miles or so from the Sheraton) (too far to walk) or the Giant on Wisconsin and Macomb (too far to walk, up a large hill, and no good bus). Our neighborhood residents depend on your store.

As president of the Unit Owners Association of my condominium building, I have been contacted by many concerned residents. Of our 104 residents, virtually all shop at the Cleveland Safeway. Of our numbers, 10 shop for themselves and 5 invalids, and 45 more shop exclusively at that Safeway and pull a small cart. We truly are dependant on the neighborhood grocery, perhaps more than other neighborhoods because of the mix of residents and the lack of cars.

We have not complained because the store has not been refurbished like the one at Van Ness. Also, we do not complain about the long lines. We lovingly refer to the store as the "soviet Safeway" and we need to keep it. We do not need a "glitzy" store or the social safeway in Georgetown. Our neighborhood needs exactly the kind of store you have there for us.

We urge you to keep the store open. Loss of a grocery would be a true hardship. Replacing the store with a "delly" or "gourmet grocery" might be too expensive for the elderly or young workings.

Please let us know what we can do to assist in your decision to keep the store open.

Very truly yours,

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