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To: Mr. Frederick Hill, Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment  
Via [bzsubmissions@dc.gov](mailto:bzsubmissions@dc.gov)

From: Judy Hubbard, 2938 Newark St., NW, Washington, DC 20008

Re: BZA Case #20266, 3400 Connecticut Partners LLC

I am writing in regard to the above application of the Macklin developers to the Board of Zoning Adjustment requesting exemption from the requirement to provide the seventeen parking spaces that are necessary to their plans under Zoning Regulations. This request is beyond the 50% waiver the project already has received because of its proximity to the Metro. The request is scheduled for July 29, 2020.

I urge the BZA to deny the developer's special exemption from zoning regulations for on-site all parking requirements.

The last thing the once-thriving Cleveland Park commercial corridor needs is less parking. Over and over the business community has stated to be competitive with the city's increasing commercial density and ample suburban parking, they need more, not less parking. Currently they have lost the 28 service-lane spaces and that might become permanent.

To the south and literally across the street from the proposed development is the new popular Cleveland Park Library. The library was built with no parking of any kind. To repeat, there is no parking for staff working there seven days a week. There is no parking for patrons, young, old and families with children. There is no handicapped parking. Before the renovation, the Cleveland Park Library was second in readership only to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Main Library. The new beautiful expanded light-filled Cleveland Park Library now offers several community spaces for numerous programs for families with children and individuals of all ages. People come from all over the city for books and programs. I even talked with a colleague from Wheaton just yesterday who has been to this library.

Directly to the north, a half block away, is the iconic and historic Uptown Theater. Recently shut this spring, it is more than likely this treasure will someday return as a movie theater. The community is working to get landmark status to preserve is for use as a movie theater. The Cleveland Park community has a long and well-known track record of organizing the community to attract and maintain amenities.

My home at 2938 Newark is the sixth house up the hill from Connecticut Avenue. I have seen many changes in the 47 years I have lived here. Not surprisingly, the most visible and impactful is the increased parking on Newark Street. Neighbors bought second cars to accommodate their needs. Cars got bigger and became vans taking up more space. Short-term rental cars are often left for days. Ward 3 residents park to take the Metro. Visitors park to go to the Zoo. Patrons park to go to the restaurants, the bars, the shops, and now the expanded library. And what do many of these parkers often do? They park in such a way to block my very narrow driveway.

Cc: ANC3c

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