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July 21, 2020

Mr. Frederick Hill
Commissioner
Board of Zoning Adjustment

Re: BZA Application 20266

Dear Mr. Hill,

We reside at [3031 Newark Street NW](#) and are writing with regard to BZA application 20266. We wish to express our significant concerns about the size and scope of the development of the Macklin site and our strong opposition to the Macklin developer's request to waive any requirement for parking spaces in their plans for the space at [3400 Connecticut Avenue NW](#). The addition of 30 new apartments and four townhouses to the existing 17 units, plus additional retail space, will bring new residents, shoppers, trash and delivery pick-up and drop off, etc. to the corner of Newark Street and Connecticut Avenue. In short, more traffic and bustle to Newark Avenue, a road designed for light residential use. As the parents of three young children, we feel Newark Street is often already too busy, particularly with a sidewalk on only one side of the street for the two blocks leading up from Connecticut Avenue, and can be an unsafe place for our children to walk to school, to the library, to the park (under normal, pre-COVID circumstances). The Macklin's developer stated that parking at the development was possible. It is now reneging. Adding all of the proposed additional residential and retail use at that site, without any additional parking to accommodate it, will increase the traffic and congestion on Newark Street, and place our children at additional risk. We ask the Commission to protect Cleveland Park as a family-friendly neighborhood and ensure that the parking waiver is not granted.

Sincerely,

Chris and Meg Wilber
3031 Newark Street NW
Washington, DC 20008

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.20266
EXHIBIT NO.97