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Dear Mr. Hill and Members of the BZA,

I am writing in opposition to the proposal to eliminate all parking from the proposed Macklin development and new construction. As a long time Cleveland Park resident, I hope that the Board will reject the Macklin proposal to remove any parking from the new project. With parking already limited to one side of the street on Newark Street, and with an untoward number of trucks already clogging up Newark and Ordway Streets at all hours, this proposal will exacerbate an already difficult situation. Where are the new residents supposed to put their cars, if they have one, or find a spot in which a car service can safely park to wait for a passenger?

Using the alley coming off Ordway Street will be very difficult to negotiate, as the alley entrance is not well marked, has limited sight lines, and often already has cars and delivery trucks blocking the entrance. It is unclear to me where the loading zone for the project will be located, and how residents of both Ordway and Newark will be able to traverse their streets.

And even though there is both a metro train and bus stop a block away, we have learned during the pandemic that public transportation is not an option many are willing to use. Thus, I believe it is important for the Macklin to provide some parking, both for residents, and for visitors, as well as those wanting to utilize the proposed retail spaces, although I wonder what retail will be willing to move into a new development, when so much retail is closing up.

Thank you for considering my statement.

Sincerely,

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