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Re: Board of zoning adjustment case # 20643 = Maret

Dear ANC 3/4G Chairman, Mr. Randy Speck;
Commissioner John Higgins,

I have grown up & spent nearly all my 21 short years on Nebraska Ave, with the field Maret now plans to mutilate the only view I've ever known from my bedroom window. Yet it is without this sentimentality that I write to you today.

As a student of architecture and political science at Dartmouth College, I see the plan for Maret's new "field" another example of the common modern American fallacy that more is always better. This mentality, & this example of it is the reason America has never been the home of architectural innovation, but more importantly that we have such a fractured society today.

American urban planning has always torn our society apart, separated us into our enclosed communities, & let money determine who dominates any space at any time. As my mom often reminds me, just because you can doesn't mean you should.

But I ask you: do you wish ~~this~~ to rip this neighborhood & community apart just because Maret has a financial stake in it? Or do you wish to take a critical approach & reverse the American history of financial domination, instead bringing the community together through some alteration or alternate plan? The choice is yours.

Sincerely, Christopher Sherman