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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to seek action regarding the development of a 47-unit apartment building on the corner of 1st and Kennedy St NW. In 2018, developers proposed a mixed-use building with ground floor commercial spaces. This proposal was approved by our community; however, over the past six years, the city has allowed the developer(s) to engage in misconduct which has permanently eroded our community through persistent business closures and lack of services. The city and developers need to be held accountable for:

- Forcing departure of the existing business tenants, including those who built their business with DC grant funding.
- Leaving the buildings vacant and unmaintained.
- Ignoring community complaints about rodents and trash.
- Creating an environment of diminished safety caused by vacancy and neglect.
- Neglecting the community by refusing to address concerns raised by ANCs & Council.

With the ongoing developments along Kennedy St., we continue to see the destruction of commercial properties. Removing all commercial spaces and replacing them with housing is creating residency areas that do not include shopping or mixed commercial spaces. We want to live in a neighborhood with walkability and services. As such, I would like to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to Prevent any proposal from being accepted that doesn't focus on adding a retail space with an anchor business, such as a grocery store or a safe 'third space' for the community.

Sincerely,
A concerned resident of the Kennedy St Corridor

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Frances Tish

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.21103
EXHIBIT NO.33

