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To the Zoning Board and other interested parties,

I live in ANC4B06 which is a short walk from Kennedy and 1st NW.

I am writing to urge the board to retain the requirement for ground level retail and commercial space in the development plans at Kennedy and 1st NW.

I am in favor of increased density and more housing in general enables more affordable housing, but preserving and creating space for mixed uses is necessary if we want to have such amenities in the neighborhood.

The Comprehensive Plan calls for mixed use along that corridor and there are already multiple residential-only buildings on that block.

This development is replacing multiple commercial spaces and should provide opportunities for similar businesses to return to the neighborhood.

Please consider those who currently live in the neighborhood and want their future neighbors to also have access to retail, commercial, and culinary amenities in addition to the pecuniary interests of the developers who will simply move onto the next project.

Thank you,
Terry W. Stratton