

Anthony Hood
Chairman
DC Zoning Commission

April 27, 2014

Subject: Testimony against the VMP PUD

Dear Chairman Hood:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Vision McMillan Partners (VMP) first-stage consolidated PUD and the related map amendment and to express concern about the unacceptable negative impact on the local community from this proposed development.

As a resident of the community surrounding the McMillan Sand Filtration Park, I am deeply concerned about the negative impacts of the proposed development on the local community including:

- The size and scale of the development which is too large for this residential community and includes a 10 story office building, which will dwarf the historic 2-3 story row houses surrounding the site and block historic vistas, a priority of the National Capital Planning Commission;
- The traffic and the associated noise, pollution, and negative impact on cyclists and pedestrians from 6,000 additional car trips per day to the neighborhood in an area that already has several failed intersections; and,
- The proposed loss of parking spaces for community members living near the site.

In addition, I am concerned that VMP has disregarded the input of the local community. This proposed plan does not take into account the *Summary of Recommendations for Site Revitalization* of McMillan Park, a city-led effort to identify community priorities for the site. The "Neighbors for McMillan" campaign implemented by a Public Relations firm with funding from the city is just one a shameful example of this developer going out of their way to not engage with the local community.

Sincerely,



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