Testimony for 76 M St NW Office of Zoning Hearing – CA 15-20 February 11, 2016

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Good Evening, my name is Stephanie Tyler and I live in apartment 101 at 76 M Street NW. I think it is messed up how this redevelopment of a community is trying to overlook 8 people. There are only 8 people in this one little building and we are being overlooked. They are trying to force us out of our home without compensation and with nowhere to go. If they want us out of the building, why can't they work with us to come to an agreement? Give us some type of compensation. Even if it isn't money, at least give us somewhere to go.

The whole situation is unfair. We should have been notified in a better way that we would be asked to leave our homes. We should have been approached in a better way. We were told at the last minute that our building is supposed to be "vacant" when sold however there was never a plan in place for what to do with the tenants who are currently living at the building.

Now, they are proposing to build around our small building but if the focus is really on redeveloping the community why would they leave our building? Wouldn't it be an eyesore next to all the new development? The conditions in our building are horrible. There are rats, pipes busting, you can smell the mold when you walk into the building. You have to step over people in the hallway. Your friends and family don't want to come visit because of what they have to deal with just to get to your unit. The tenants who live in the building do not want to leave their units because when you do, you have to fight and argue with people who do not even live in the building. I don't even want my grandson to visit because of the conditions in the building. What they are doing to us is unfair. Redeveloping the community and

ZONING COMMISSION District of Columbia CASE NO.15-20 EXHIBIT NO.40 leaving our building out is unfair to the tenants. All we want is a fair deal.