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RE: 400 Florida Ave NE

Members of the Zoning Commission,

While I am no longer a Commissioner as of the end of 2016, I would like to weigh in on one of the final projects of my tenure.

I have previously testified on behalf of ANC 6C that this PUD application for 400 Florida Avenue was the worst one I have seen in my years as a Commissioner. This remains true, but I am pleased with the improvements in retail, street presence, and amenities provided by the development team (though the overall amenities package cost is still extremely low compared to other similar nearby PUD such as 320 & 340 Florida).

I am still disappointed at the bulk of the building, which I believe is too high and rectangular. A better solution would be to drop the height of the building towards the North along 4th and 5th, especially while preserving the façade of the (lower-case "h") historic building at the corner of 5th & Florida. The Northern half of this block is now part of a historic district, and this new building relates extremely poorly to those structures.

Thank you,

Tony Goodman

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