4300 47th Street, NW Washington, DC 20016

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman District of Columbia Zoning Commission 441 4th Street, NW Suite 210 S Washington, DC 20001

Re case 16-23 For design review and development by Valor Development, LLC Square 1499, Lots 802 803, 806, 807. This is a Letter in Opposition.

Dear Commissioner Hood,

RE: Zoning that affects my home, and my American University Park neighborhood.

The oversized complex proposed by Valor Development would be within sight of my home and would stand against the skyline to my west cutting off views and sunsets, thus degrading my property. Also the large grocery store planned there would create difficult new traffic, trucking and parking problems, and I am strongly against it.

The bulk and height of the proposed building and the design are inappropriate for our residential neighborhood and needs intervention by the zoning commission.

I would most welcome a residential replacement that fitted in with the residential neighborhood, if it provides adequate parking for its residents.

A mixed use garden-apartment building comes to mind.

I hope your commission will block the present proposal until the developers work with the community represented by CRD (Citizens for Responsible Development) to come up with an agreed and mutually beneficial plan.

Most Sincerely,

Giles M. Kelly Captain USNR Ret. 202 244 5633

> ZONING COMMISSION District of Columbia CASE NO.16-23 EXHIBIT NO.261