

December 30, 2016

Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Support for Ladybird Redevelopment – Spring Valley

Dear Anthony,

I am writing to urge you and your fellow Zoning Commissioners to support the Ladybird redevelopment proposal in Spring Valley. My family and I live 4 blocks from this long underutilized property and have been waiting for this project to come for what seems like years now. I honestly can't believe it has been stuck in the approvals process this long.

My family is most excited about having a new grocery store and better retail that we can walk or bike to. We currently have to load our kids in the car and drive to Tenleytown or Cathedral Commons to shop for anything other than basic food needs.

Looking beyond my family, I see the larger benefits of this project for the District and Ward 3E, including:

- New housing options for aging neighbors looking to downsize and stay in the neighborhood.
- Expanded housing options for American University graduate students and visiting professors.
- Short-term construction jobs for District residents.
- Long term retail jobs (and taxes) for the District residents.
- Increased property values for surrounding neighbors.
- Competition for our only, overpriced "grocery" option in the neighborhood.

Please consider each of the items above as you and the Zoning Commission analyze this redevelopment. This project complies with all local codes and meets the intent of walkable, green, and smart urban redevelopment principles supported by the District and a majority of my neighbors.

Best Regards,



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