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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th St NW, Suite 210 S
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RE: Case Number 16-23, Proposal for Design Review and Development by Valor Development, LLC,
Square 1499, Lots 802, 803, 806, 807.

Letter in Opposition

Dear Chairman Hood and Commissioners:

I have written to you before, and these comments are in addition to my previous comments. I live at 4811 Yuma St NW, directly across from the proposed development. In the last few weeks, my feelings of opposition have transformed from alarm and trepidation to absolute fear and dread.

The transformative event occurred several weeks ago when I found myself facing east at the intersection of Yuma St NW and Connecticut Avenue NW. I looked across the 8-lane street and saw a huge apartment building called Park West. Park West is a little taller than the proposed building, but it is approximately as wide as the proposal. That building is made of blond brick, but nothing can hide the fact that it is immense.

On that day, it became very clear to me that this is what I and my neighbors have to look forward to. A building even half that size will overwhelm our neighborhood. I can barely imagine opening my front door each morning and looking across my little 3-lane street to a huge brick building so glaringly out of place. So, I am of the opinion that this could be a test of what the comprehensive plan says is a function of the zoning authority. Namely, to protect established neighborhoods from being overwhelmed by over-zealous development.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

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