

January 2, 2019

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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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

Chairman Hood and Commissioners:


We live in Spring Valley a few blocks from the proposed development of the Superfresh site. We and our neighbors are very unhappy that the current developer, Valor, has failed miserably in responding to the request for significant improvements to their development plans so that it can integrate well with the character of the neighborhood. Instead, Valor insists on making minor changes hoping to placate neighborhood opposition to their plans, a well know negotiation tactic used by developers. We urge the Commission to reject Valor's current proposal and ensure that substantive changes are made to Valor plans if they are to be considered again in the future.

We recognize that the neighborhood would benefit from additional access to businesses that can enhance the quality of life of residents. We particularly miss the access to a supermarket within walking distance. That said, it is too high a price for the neighborhood to accept unreasonably high building height that brings a population density that is not compatible with the local standards of living. Moreover, traffic and parking in the blocks around Massachusetts Avenue have already become unbearable because of the number of new restaurants that have been approved although they provide no parking to their customers.

We oppose the current plans for this development and urge the Zoning Commission to ensure that future developments in the neighborhood will focus on enhancing the quality of life for the residents, who already contribute significantly to the city coffers.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Respectfully submitted,


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