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Dear Zoning Commission:

We reside at 4507 Van Ness Street NW, in ANC 3E, with our two young children.

In 2013, we selected our house and neighborhood based on numerous factors, one of which was walking access to amenities. We regularly frequent Wagshalls and the CVS in the Spring Valley Shopping Center. We also went to the Fresh and Greens (before it closed in December 2013) and appreciated the fact that we could complete our grocery shopping “in the neighborhood”.

Since that grocery store closed, we have been looking forward to a new project to take its place and to enliven the now “dead” surface parking lot. We have followed the Valor project since it was proposed many years ago and have participated in numerous ANC meetings.

While we understand the position of our neighbors closer to the site, we strongly support the project. It will bring back a larger grocery option to the neighborhood without challenging Wagshalls (which had been a concern about a previously proposed Balduccis). Also, as currently designed, the project will appear to be harmonious with the surrounding properties – certainly more harmonious than the existing, vacant, surface parking lot.

It has been a long road, but we would urge the Zoning Commission to approve the case on Monday, January 7. Further delay or deliberation will not benefit the neighborhood or the District.

All the best,

Samantha Mazo and Alex Gordon