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Subject: 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

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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
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Sir:

I request that your Zoning Commission apply further scrutiny to numerous aspects of the above-referenced proposed “Ladybird” project. The project deserves further review based on likely negative impacts on the surrounding area, specifically the issue of traffic circulation. I hope the latter was taken into careful consideration by the DDOT director’s site visit today.

In my relatively brief time in the Spring Valley neighborhood, I’ve already taken to calling Yuma Street the “Sidwell Expressway” because of traffic traversing Massachusetts to Wisconsin Avenue *en route* to the esteemed private school. However, I write not only as a future neighbor of Ladybird but on behalf of Massachusetts Avenue residents commuters whose drive will be made even worse by increased congestion if traffic circulation at the site is not carefully managed.

I’m not opposed to careful development that meets future housing demand (including affordable units) and allows the property owner to exercise his or her rights, but if your Commission fails to meet its obligation the Ladybird risks creating a regrettable impact on Massachusetts Avenue and adjoining secondary roads. As Ladybird Johnson once said:

“The biggest decision of all concerns our highways, the greatest public works program of any civilization ... our challenge is to see that these highways are not only superbly functional, but also in harmony with our landscape and a pleasant asset to our lives.”

— Presentation of beautification awards to highway department officials, East Room of White House, Feb. 16, 1967.

Thank you for your public service and for your attention to this matter.

Cordially,

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