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Dear DC Zoning Commission,

I am writing to urge you to support the Ladybird proposal for a mixed-use development.

The current proposal is about more than new housing units. It's an economic development plan that creates jobs and provides redevelopment benefits for Ward 3E. Residents have had only one choice for grocery shopping in the area. Competition in any market is good for consumers and provides for more choices, more jobs and more opportunities for local business. Affordable housing is also a major issue. I am fortunate to be able to live in my neighborhood but why shouldn't others reap the benefits of living here as well. Ladybird is proposing 10% of their units will be dedicated to affordable housing.

And when people are given choices, their quality of life improves, they gain a stronger sense of community while strengthening the economics of their neighborhood. Right now Whole Foods is our only local grocery store. If this application is approved, I'll have the option to walk to my grocery store and leave my car at home. Better for reducing traffic congestion and helping the environment.

Clearly, there is a need for a new grocery store in our community. I encourage the Ward 3 Advisory Neighborhood Commission to approve The Ladybird proposal and make a determination that The Ladybird application complies with all local codes. Also, to consider the huge impact of affordable housing units.

Best Regards,
Rahul Bhat