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From: John A. Frekko <jfrekko@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 4, 2019 4:40 PM
To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Re: Support of the Lady Bird Project

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In addition to my email below, please note that while I originally signed the CRD petition regarding the initial proposal, I now support the revised proposal currently under consideration.

On Fri, Jan 4, 2019 at 4:24 PM John A. Frekko <jfrekko@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear DC Zoning Commission:

My name is John Frekko and I live at 5001 Sedgwick Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016 (in Spring Valley). I am writing in support of the Lady Bird Project which includes the redevelopment of the shopping center located at the corner of 48th Street and Yuma Street, specifically 4330 48th Street NW, Washington, DC 20016.

Since the old Fresh & Greens grocery store closed several years ago, a massive void has been left in the area and community. My understanding is that a grocery store has been in that location for decades (before Fresh & Greens, it was A&P). The grocery store is part of the fabric of the neighborhood and has been for decades.

The property is now inefficiently and embarrassingly underutilized and the new construction, most importantly the grocery store, would charm up a beautiful neighborhood. Currently, I load up the car with my wife and kids and spend my money in Georgetown to get my groceries or other necessities. I would much rather spend money in my community in Spring Valley.

There are other benefits to the construction too, including increased property values surrounding the area.

Please consider my and my neighbors requests to move forward with the Lady Bird Project.

Many thanks,
-John