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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Re case 16-23, Valor Development proposal. Letter in support.

Dear Commissioner Hood,

I live two blocks from the site of the proposed development. I support it for several reasons.

First, we have a terrible shortage of housing in this city, driving up prices to the point where people can't afford to live here, and it's a terrible, terrible problem. We desperately need more and denser housing, and this site is a good place for it. It's along a major bus route and close to offices and some retail.

Second, it will be good for our immediate neighborhood. The grocery store will be great to have. In addition, the people who move into those condos will help support that store as well as the shops and restaurants that already exist at that corner and help keep them in business.

Finally, if we're going to avert disastrous levels of climate change, we have to change the shape of our cities starting right now. We need development that allows people to live car-free. That means dense housing in clusters, served by fast and frequent transit. A condo or apartment building is exactly what belongs on that site.

Sincerely,
Dan Charles