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Chairman Anthony Hood
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th St., NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case No. 16-23 –Valor Development, LLC- Voluntary Design Review

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing in support of Valor’s proposed development at the former Superfresh site. Since 1995 I have lived five blocks from the site. One of the things I’ve liked about this neighborhood is having grocery stores that my wife and I could walk to. We regularly walked to Superfresh (and later Fresh and Green’s).

Now Valor has plans to return a full-service grocery store to the neighborhood at this site. Neighbors, especially those who like to walk to shopping should, like me, welcome having a grocery store again.

In addition to providing a grocery store, the project provides much-needed housing for DC and our neighborhood, including a significant amount of affordable housing. The sizes of the units suggest that the housing will appeal to empty nesters who want to move apartment living and stay in the neighborhood. That option doesn’t exist now. Also being near transit will be an attraction for people who currently live in less transit-friendly neighborhoods.

This project adds needed housing for DC in a good place for housing. Adding a grocery store makes benefits the entire neighborhood.

Sincerely,

/s/ John H. Wheeler
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