

January 5, 2019

Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Valor Super Fresh Development

Dear Chairman Hood:

I moved back to Spring Valley (4711 Quebec St.) in 2014 after being away for 9 years, and was really disappointed to find no grocery store where Super Fresh had been. I've since really missed being able to walk to a vibrant, sufficiently spacious shop that sells high quality produce at fair prices, especially now that my wife and I have a toddler who essentially eats only fruit.

I'm afraid we aren't the only ones feeling this lack. Last year I moved my medical practice, Veritas Health, PLLC, from Tenleytown to the space above LPQ on 49th and Mass Ave. While our patients love our buildout, they routinely complain that they are no longer able to "pick up a few things Whole Foods" before or after their appointments. My practice partner and I would love for them to enjoy this convenience once again across the street, where Super Fresh had been.

Finally, I feel it's important to add that Veritas Health, PLLC has a philanthropic arm dedicated to improving access to high quality medical care for the most vulnerable and underserved populations/neighborhoods in DC. As such, we have been incredibly impressed by the employment opportunities afforded to residents of these communities



through development that has brought in Millie's and Pizza Paradiso. We'd very much like to see this continue with the Valor Super Fresh Development.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. It is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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