

November 11, 2018

Anthony Hood, Chairperson
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20010

RE: Testimony in Opposition to Zoning Map Amendment Case 18-07

Dear Chairperson Hood & Zoning Commissioners:

My name is Lauren Oswalt McHale and I live at 913 3rd Street, NE, one block away from the proposed map amendment site.

I oppose this map amendment case on the grounds that:

- The site is an awkward assembly of lots that includes a dead-end alley and does nothing to address the two adjacent lots to the east that will *retain* their PDR-1 zoning.
- The proposed new zones are inconsistent with the standards in the Comp Plan for Neighborhood Conservation Areas which calls for land uses and building types to be **maintained and new development and alterations be compatible with the *existing* scale and architectural character of the area.**
- This map amendment would only increase the suffocating squeeze we are already feeling from poorly planned, large commercial and apartment buildings that have done little to enhance our neighborhood but have created tremendous traffic congestion, scarce parking, and overburdened alley ways.
- The current PDR-1 zone may seem inappropriate and out of place for this block of single-family dwellings but so is the increased density that would be allowed by MU-4 and MU-5A.

I urge you to deny the Zoning Map Amendment Application 18-07.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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