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Subject: reiterating serious concerns about improper 18-10 High St Zoning

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As another homeowner who also paid market rate who lives within a few short blocks of the site, I agree with you entirely, Melody.

Commissioner Jones, regardless of whether it is market rate or not - that specific building as planned will be too large for that intersection and will have a severely negative impact on the quality of life in the immediate vicinity.

As Melody correctly points out, this high concentration of extreme poverty in such a small area is indeed morally bankrupt, and represents the willfully poor urban planning our government (many or most of whose professional bureaucrats don't even live in DC and won't suffer the consequences) is imposing on our community with no oversight by our elected representatives who all ignored our concerns in spite of the many times we contacted them. Where is the accountability? Substantial evidence from every continent in the world shows that concentrated poverty is bad for everybody, most of all of those living in poverty. Highly concentrated poverty is strongly associated with high crime rates, poor mental health, poor education, inadequate employment opportunities, and stagnant economic growth. It traps people more deeply in cyclical poverty.

Melody is right that other parts of the city need to step in and help support the needs of low income residents by hosting low income housing projects rather than imposing them all in small communities with less of a political voice. We rely on our representatives to push for equity in this regard.

Commissioner Jones, I am also concerned about the massive new private low income housing project proposed for MLK, within only a few short blocks of this one, and just across the street from another large-scale public housing project that is nearly complete, and a few other medium-sized low income housing projects that about to begin construction within a block or two of that one? Even if these projects were all market rate, they are too big for such a small area, especially a small area like ours that lacks infrastructure. Before we are forced to host so many new large scale projects, why is our government not planning the community properly, including full sized grocery stores, pharmacies and other important retail? Why are they not taking into consideration the well being of the community? How much more can our community sustain? I am therefore requesting that you please also address this new private project while it is still in the application phase.

Thank you in advance for your support, as our local representative,

Diane De Bernardo

On Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 2:10:56 PM EST, melody crosby <wstreethoacommunications@gmail.com> wrote:

Ty'on,

Can you please send W street HOA a copy of the most recent support letter and suggestions for High street zoning development.

I have a Dec 13th copy but several members have requested updated copies. Speaking for myself as a homeowner, that paid market rate for my home; I am very concerned about the MFI and Market rate unit ratio. I also believe another high density building will be detrimental to our neighborhood. We have a very hard time managing the over saturation now. The concentration of poverty into ward (7/8) of DC is morally bankrupt and most importantly illegal. Every ward in DC has a responsibility to provide affordable housing not just Anacostia.

For everyone on the distro, please send your concerns to Commissioner Ty'on Jones. [Cm Jones may be reached at 8A06@ANC.DC.GOV](#) He is managing this project and March is soon approaching. You can also contact the Zoning commission directly 18-10 to the following email?

ZCSubmissions@dc.gov

I believe he is planning a community event with this developer, so it's important to address your concerns with him.

The current Zoning Case 18-10 High St is scheduled for March 18, 2019.

**Thanks,
Melody**