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Hello,

My name is Miranda Chien-Hale and I live in Southwest Washington, DC. I have been a resident in SW for almost three years and have lived in DC for more than 5 years. As an active member in my community, I have become deeply concerned by the rate of gentrification in the City. Unacceptable developments across the city are worsening the housing crisis, driving up rental rates, and exacerbating displacement of long term residents.

I strongly reject the VNO South Capitol, LLC & Three Lots in Square 649, LLC as currently planned. I urge the Zoning Commission to help the SW community ensure that all projects, most pressingly VNO South Capitol, are designed in line with the goals of the SW Neighborhood Plan (e.g. SW is to be an exemplary model of equity and inclusion). With new developments like VNO South Capitol, offering a pathetic commitment of 1 - 8 affordable units / 600 units, this goal is simply not achievable. **I urge the commission to consider demanding that this development be designed to support 1/3 market-rate units, 1/3 workforce units, and 1/3 deeply affordable units.** Please help us in SW continue to thrive as a community that retains a mix of races, ages, family-sizes, and income levels.

Thank you,

Miranda Chien-Hale
SWDC Resident