

Case Number: 20-14

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Dear DC Zoning Commission,

I am writing as a current resident of Southwest in regards to case number 20-14, the proposed development at 5 M Street SW. **I urge you to reject the current project proposal of only 8 affordable units out of 600, and require JBG Smith to meet a proposed criteria of equity and inclusion per the SW neighborhood plan: one-third at Market Rate, one-third at Workforce, and one-third Deeply Affordable Units.**

A current overabundance of luxury studio and one bedroom apartments in our neighborhood does little to keep current residents in our neighborhood, accelerating the gentrification and eviction of our most economically vulnerable residents. To keep the vibrant racial, economic, and age diversity of Southwest, we must keep developers in line with current needs for better housing with more units that are three-bedrooms for families, and affordable housing rates.

The ANC has also recognized the need to reject the current proposal voting 7-0-0 in their September meeting. We cannot continue to allow developers to purely profit by driving up rent prices and displace our current community. Take bold action, push this development to help meet Mayor Bowser's goal of adding 12,000 affordable units by 2025.

Sincerely,
Jessica Lai
Southwest Resident