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Members of the Zoning Commission ,

I am a Ward 4 resident that wants more housing, so I strongly support the redevelopment of the Dance Loft on 14 building, located at 4618 14th St. NW.

DC has a housing cost crisis and it's destabilizing our community. Since 2000, our city's population has increased by 100,000 persons but housing development hasn't met the resultant need, and housing prices have skyrocketed.

Make no mistake, this is destabilizing our community. Like a local environment, a local economy has to have room for everyone or there's going to be big problems up and down the chain.

So far for Crestwood (which is just blocks away from this development), it's little inconveniences. So many suburban workers parked on my block to access our buses to downtown that we had to require permit parking. I've heard neighbors complain when nannies are late or can't make it because of snow. Similarly, even though our mayor plows our streets and our schools and jobs are open, you drop off your kids to empty classrooms because the teacher can't get in from the suburbs. And my once 10 minute commute to downtown is 20-30 minutes. My once 20 minute Capitol Hill commute is now 45 minutes or longer.

Without management, this will get worse. For example, that teacher won't just miss snow days. They'll just take a job in the suburbs where housing is cheaper and commutes are better. And the resultant bad schools will hurt our children and home values.

We don't have to suffer any of that. I implore you to drive through Forest Hills at any time of day or night on any day of the week. It's as quiet and bucolic as Crestwood and they have much larger developments on Connecticut Ave than contemplated here. And they don't have to get in their car to get a bagel. They've done their civic duty and have wonderful outcomes for their quality of life, including much higher home values. Our neighborhood can easily handle the addition of this much needed housing.

Ultimately, it's as simple as this: We can let the crisis happen to us or we could do better.

Thank you for your work and service, as well as your consideration of this matter.

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