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To The Office of Zoning,

This email comes to your attention regarding case numbers 22-11 and 22-06 for the construction of additional new high-rise buildings in South West DC, respectively at 807 Maine Avenue and 899 Maine Avenue.

My wife Helena and I have called SW home for over 20 years.

As residents at Capitol Square Place, SW since 2001, we strongly object to the addition of more high-rise buildings in the SW community neighborhood. I have considerable concerns about the current PUD, quality of life, specifically the safety of area residents/children and pets and the significant traffic/parking impact on 9th Street SW and G Street SW. The addition of further high-rise buildings should not precede the need for safety to the elderly citizens and children, residents and pedestrians in the SW community neighborhoods. Moreover, the addition of further high-rise buildings should take also into account the damage to the environment, aesthetical impact which will last for century if not more, and the physical safety of students/children in the surrounding schools, of communities and their residents resulting from the increased traffic congestion for vehicles/buses/heavy trucks.

It is mindboggling that developers' intent was not immediately rejected. If approved by the Zoning Commission to change the currently zoned MU-12 which zoning designation restricts building height to 45 feet to areas near the vicinity of the Waterfront, would let the developers build up these high rises to reach 110 feet and 130 feet. To allow the change of the zoning of these two areas of this magnitude would more than double the current maximum height construction restriction. How can this even be considered an option for revitalization of SW?

Blatant attempt to significantly increase the height of each proposed building block area and units whereby, if approved - would lead to changing character of neighborhood and livability FOREVER.

We ask you to do the right thing, and protect neighborhood we know and love.

Please promote sustainable urban development in human scale, stand up for cultural heritage, and protect lifestyle of our neighbors.

Helena and Vincent Sagart

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