

I am writing in opposition to Z.C. Case No. 22-19 (McDonald's Corporation – Zoning Map Amendment at Square 3786, Lot 1 [4950 South Dakota Avenue, N.E.]). I am a resident and homeowner within a mile of this site. I oppose the construction of a new drive-thru in our neighborhood. Currently, South Dakota Avenue is an auto-oriented, dangerous, and unpleasant corridor. I support actions to make South Dakota Ave. safer, more livable, and more multi-modal. Adding a drive-thru at this site would move us in the opposite direction, attracting more vehicle traffic while providing no new amenities to the neighborhood.

I am not opposed to upzoning this site for the purpose of bona fide redevelopment. However, for the reasons noted in the DDOT report, I oppose adding a new drive-thru in the neighborhood. The applicant in this case has made clear that the sole purpose of rezoning is to add a drive-thru. I would not oppose rezoning to a different zone which would not permit a drive-thru by-right, as suggested in the DDOT report.

Earlier this year, a new Chick-Fil-A opened less than a mile from this site up South Dakota Ave. The drive-thru at that site has induced more auto-oriented activity in the vicinity and frequently creates long queues of idling vehicles stretching into the public roadway. Seeing those effects from the new drive-thru at that site highlights that adding another drive-thru, less than a mile away, is the wrong choice for the neighborhood.

We deserve a good neighborhood to live, not just a good neighborhood to drive through. I ask the Zoning Commission to deny the application in Z.C. Case No. 22-19.

Submitted on 11/23/2022 by:  
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