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To the Office of Zoning and Zoning Commissioners:

I am writing in opposition to the decision of DC's Office of Planning to push rezoning that would allow construction of a building at 17th and V Streets, NW that could exceed 550,000 gross square feet and more than 100 feet in height. Such a building would be totally inconsistent with the neighborhood--both the immediate vicinity and the areas that abut it.

There is no reason to disregard the character of this area with a downtown-type of rezoning (MU10) that is likely to result in construction of a downtown sized 'by-right' building.

Rezoning the 1.88 acre public site at 1617 U Street is not supported by the DC Comprehensive Plan Generalized Policy Map, which expects a mixed zoning across this site, not a single massive high-density zone across the entire property.

Why would the DC Zoning Commission even consider supporting this rezoning application without knowing more about the obvious impacts & harms as well as potential solutions to the issues? Please postpone any vote on the 1617 U Street rezoning until the community has been able to attend at least one large forum to provide feedback and discuss ideas and concerns with public officials and planning experts.

If you are committed to moving forward, then I urge Commissioners to vote no on this under-evaluated proposal or, at a minimum, amend the proposed action to seek a subdivision of the site and mixed district rezoning that is more appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Judith Neibrief  
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