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Subject: Subject: Proposed Map Amendment to Rezone Square 0175, Lot 826 (1617 U Street, NW) and Lot 827 (1620 V Street, NW) from the MU-4 Zone to the MU-10 Zone (collectively "the Site")
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Ladies and Gentlemen: I join many of my fellow Washingtonians opposed to the rezoning of the Site indicated above from MU-4 to MU-10. As you know, this is a 2-acre site which includes the District 2 police station and a firehouse. These are public agencies, occupying public land. They are critically important to the safety of adjacent and nearby neighborhoods, particularly Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, *inter alia*. North of the site are residential buildings, well kept by their residents and part of the reason for the historic district designation of that area. As you must know, U Street has much historic value in the District and the larger buildings along its north and south sides are located farther east than the parcels in question.

With no help from the Zoning Commission, citizens of the District, including many residents who would be affected by an MU-10 rezoning action have had no public role in this matter, notwithstanding the likelihood that the District seems willing to part with public land and support, by one means or another, the companies – presumably those who requested the MU-10 designation -- who wish to build apartment complexes of 100-plus feet in height, as allowed by an MU-10 zoning designation.

Let me get this straight. The city would help builders construct an overly tall and intrusive apartment complex that would adversely affect the light and air – and trees and gardens -- presently enjoyed by local residents. I am informed that the property limits of 100-foot high apartments would be close enough to private houses in the area to cut trees and pave land areas and block sunshine on neighboring residential properties.

What are you thinking? In allowing – and likely facilitating – the huge structures allowed by MU-10, you would act as if you knew nothing about:

(1) the beauty and importance of our city, past and present;

(2) global warming, which threatens close to 100 percent of the world's people, animals, and vegetation;

(3) potential destruction of our democracy that may result from ignoring public opinion and your own better judgment about a shared commitment to peace among us.

You can and must do better than this. Do NOT rezone this Site to MU-10.

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