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I ask my comments be included for the record and to be signed up to testify in opposition on Monday November 20th.

To the DC Zoning Commission,

I live at 16th and R and we often walk by the police and fire station as our family of four grabs coffee or goes to Marie Reed playground or the Marie Reed soccer field. I STRONGLY support this redevelopment.

A new building will add to the apartment stock in the neighborhood. Selfishly, I would say don't build, because I have a condo in the area I rent. But my selfish rationale should not prevent progress and lower overall rents by increasing housing.

I have lived in the neighborhood since 2009 and I have seen it try and try to rebuild and get better. While this lot has needed first responders, it can be put to higher and better use developed. This will significantly increase tax revenue for the city, supporting all city services. It will help us make the north Dupont/south Adams Morgan one of the best in the city.

I have been really taken back by some of our neighbors, who simply find reasons to object to development. It is insulting to those of us who came to DC to help better ourselves. Previous development in this area did not bring the cavalcade of horrors that local opponents continue to tout.

We do not need more delay. Building in this city is expensive and extremely slow. Let's not delay this any further. Additional delay means higher housing prices in the end, in this neighborhood and around DC.

Thank you.

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