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Dear Zoning Commissioners and staff,

These comments are for the public record in ZC Case No. 23-02. And, I ask that the Secretary to sign me up to testify in opposition to the rezoning application in this case on January 8, 2024.

The Office of Planning makes no study of the implications of this high-density rezoning on destabilizing land values of the community. There's no study of the displacement pressures on existing small businesses nearby. There is no provision of shadow studies of the building that would be allowed by right under this rezoning. There is environmental impact of both the construction impacts for a building allowed by this rezoning, let alone the long term effects of a ten-story +penthouse (100+ foot tall dense building) on the surrounding community that would be brought on by this rezoning.

Not the applicant OP, not DMPED, not the Mayor, not the Ward Councilmembers -- none of these city officials pushing the zoning change at 1617 U Street has hosted a 1617 U Street specific meeting to discuss upzoning, zoning definitions, the planning jargon, any implications to these proposed changes, or any evaluations of impacts by the zoning change on the community at all. These city officials have failed transparent, community-first dialog and discussion about one of the biggest zoning amendments in the history of the area. This is absolutely unacceptable.

It's a whimsical desire for more unaffordable luxury housing (with a handful of so called affordable housing) that is driving this rezoning and being done so without much of any substantiated planning study or implications. This is arbitrary and capricious and simply unacceptable.

I am opposed to this rezoning application and ask that you ask OP to go back to the drawing board and actually work with the community to build a collaborative plan and resubmit their application to replace the one now before you.

I look forward to hearing from you,
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