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I support MULTIZONING of 1617 U Street, with lower levels near the townhouses and higher levels facing U street. That might make it more interesting architecture too.

I support private sector development of market based housing, with 20-30 percent set aside for affordable housing so that the proceeds will pay for the upgraded fire and police stations and a library. But it has to be negotiated fairly, without a giveaway to the developer.

This area has more than our share of low income housing already, with Jubilee housing, VA and others. Sound housing policy suggests that low income housing should be spread out more, including in other wards, to avoid the ill effects of concentrated poverty.

Please consider having public parking in the basement level. You have allowed so much density that it is difficult for residents to park. We are not yet in that magical world where everyone ditches their car. And please don't do a bait and switch - keep the police and fire at that location. We need them.

Sorry you are in the hot seat....but there is a solution here that makes everyone happy, or at least equally unhappy.

Sincerely,

Helen Walsh
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