

TESTIMONY - BRETT ROUILLIER, [REDACTED] Ocala St., Silver Spring, Md
University Blvd Upzoning Draft Plan
Sept 22, 2025

Although I understand and support the need for more affordable housing, I believe this proposal to increase the allowable density by up to 10 times its current allowance on the University corridor will not accomplish this goal, but will induce much more traffic congestion, more single occupancy vehicles, all the while you are lowering capacity on University and Colesville with the cramming in of new transit lanes planned thru the already failing intersections. This area was planned and built for single family homes. You need to limit dense housing centers to urban centers served by rapid transit, such as Wheaton, Forest Glen, Glenmont, the Wisconsin Ave corridor, and where I live where you have already raised housing densities along the Purple Line Corridor. I have lived here for over 45 years and where I used to take a quick hop over to Hechingers at Riggs Rd it is now almost impossible to travel over in the extended rush hour periods because of completely failing intersections. I am thankful that you are finally starting to build sidewalks, albeit on a protracted time basis, even though they were promised in the first sector plan I participated on in the 80's, so it only took about 50 years. I am exhausted by so many of these unfulfilled promises and much insist that you provide more logical infill development and that it be allowed only after the infrastructure improvements are completed.

Thank you for provided this opportunity to for public expression.