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Mayor Adrian M. Fenty  
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Dear Mayor Fenty,

Based upon all of the information presented to us and the views of the community, involved groups, the developers, and District and ANC officials, we write to ask that you permit the Tenley Library to be built now and separate it from any possible mixed-use, or public/private, development on the site.

At the same time, however, we ask that the Library's design be amended to include the structural supports necessary to permit development on top of the Library at a future date. That development could be residential, mixed-use, or even an increase in the size of the library. Our preliminary assessment is that such a modification would not be difficult and, although it will involve additional cost, that cost should be modest and manageable. In any event, the cost should be viewed as an investment for the future.

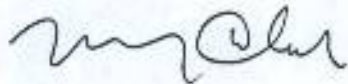
This approach will allow the library to move forward now, on its own timetable, with its design intact, and with monies already allocated.

As for the current LCOR proposal, we believe that it is fatally flawed; we cannot and will not support it. There are many reasons why we have reached this unsatisfactory place, but our lack of support relates to the LCOR proposal alone.

We still believe, as we have throughout, that the public interest lies in the comprehensive development of this site. There is an urgent need to have vibrant, mixed-use development along our main corridors and the Tenley Library site, which is located across the street from the subway, ought to be a key part of such development. We need energy and life along our corridors, and we need to make transit oriented development a priority.

Please let us know by next Friday, November 7, 2008, of your decision on allowing the library to go forward now, as modified with appropriate structural supports for future development. Thank you.

Best Regards,



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Councilmember, Ward 3



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