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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tenley group doesn't aid area's interests

I am writing to express my tremendous concerns with the Coalition To Stop Tenleytown Overdevelopment. Its stated mission to "strongly support sensible development that benefits and enhances our neighborhood rather than overwhelms it" is not representative of the neighborhood's interest or the best interests of

Washington, D.C.

Tenleytown sits along Wisconsin Avenue, one of the main drags and wealthiest sections of our city. It should be booming, benefiting all. Yet the neighborhood is extremely underdeveloped, has lower property values than it should, has too much crime, and is riddled with shoddy buildings and graffiti.

Excellent development projects have been blocked over the years. The Tenley library has sat vacant for years now. What about the haggard shops along the corridor or the slew of homeless peo-

ple who loiter around CVS and the Tenleytown Metro station?

Yet Tenleytown sits in Upper Northwest, sandwiched between Georgetown and Friendship Heights, two of the wealthiest sections of the city — quite a discrepancy.

I read that the coalition finds problems with every building proposed and fights them. Please know that the group does not represent the values, interests and attitudes of the neighborhood, but rather a vocal few.

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