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## Ward 3 Vision backs smart-growth policy

In response to your recent article on the Akridge hearings, in which Ward 3 Vision was mentioned as a neighborhood organization that provided testimony in support of the project, we wanted to let your readership know more about our organization ["Akridge hearing shows scale of disputes," April 18].

Ward 3 Vision is an active group of residents partnering with the Coalition for Smarter Growth to ensure that new development is positive and forward-thinking. Our campaign is focused on bringing new life and vibrancy to our neighborhoods. We want more than just mattress stores.

We support revitalizing Wisconsin Avenue with transit-oriented development, like the Akridge project at 5220 Wisconsin Ave., while preserving our wonderful existing neighborhoods. We want mixed-use buildings near Metro stations, more housing and retail choices, and a safer, more exciting place to walk and spend our free time. We want to spend our money in the city rather than in Maryland and Virginia. We want our schools to benefit from an increased tax base.

We believe we must work with developers to ensure new development is done right and gives amenities to our community. And we recognize that by supporting good redevelopment, our neighborhood will benefit and we will be doing our part for the environment by absorbing growth near Metro stations. We invite your readers to join us in our campaign by visiting [Ward3Vision.org](http://Ward3Vision.org) and signing up for our e-mail alerts. Working together, we can bring positive change to Wisconsin Avenue.

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