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Re: Letter in Support of Case No. 18-19: Map Amendment to NHR Zone

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

The Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (FSFSC) is submitting this letter to express its support for the above-referenced application for the Map Amendment for property on either side of Howard Road, SE to the new Northern Howard Road (“NHR”) Zone District. As a non-profit organization and Ward 8 business located at 2041 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, SE 4th, we are very excited to see this property have the opportunity to be developed with an exciting mix of uses. FSFSC believes the amendment’s guarantee of increased affordable housing and enhanced building design, including the Design Review process, are important and positive features of the application. FSFSC has appreciated the applicant’s efforts to reach out to the community, keep us updated on the plans for the property, and work to develop a project that is beneficial for them and the community.

The property is located almost immediately adjacent to the Anacostia Metrorail Station, and the increased density and mix of uses is appropriate for a site like this one. The related text amendment (Case 18-18) and this Map Amendment present an exciting opportunity for development in a largely vacant area, and I support the application in full.

The proposed NHR Zone will provide for increased density for more job opportunities, housing opportunities, and affordable housing. The NHR Zone will also require increased sustainability and enhanced building design. The developer has acted in good faith in negotiating with the community, and FSFSC would ask the Commission to consider its support and approve this application.

Sincerely,

Perry Moon, Executive Director

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The mission of the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (FSFSC) is to act as a catalyst to develop, nurture, and sustain partnerships of residents, agencies and institutions in the southeast community and to create a healthy socioeconomic environment through which children and families have the opportunity to achieve maximum potential and lead productive lives.

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO.18-19
EXHIBIT NO.36