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Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001

Re: South Dakota Avenue/Riggs Road Main Street Program Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 06-10D – Application of the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation – Art Place at Fort Totten – Block B

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

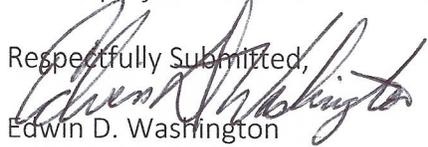
On behalf of the South Dakota Avenue/Riggs Road Main Street Program, I want to make the Zoning Commission aware of our support for the proposed development of Block B of the Art Place at Fort Totten project. South Dakota Avenue Riggs Road Main Street Program utilizes public-private partnerships and community volunteers to build on neighborhood assets and implement strategies to support and improve the business corridors in this area. The Center for Nonprofit Advancement provides fiscal and organizational management, leadership and technical assistance to support South Dakota Avenue/Riggs Road Main Street Program's success.

We believe that the proposed project will be an exciting addition to the Ft. Totten and Lamond-Riggs neighborhoods and will help foster and encourage a dynamic and vibrant streetscape along South Dakota Avenue. The proposed mix of uses – including the arts, a museum, retail, and a grocery store – will help create a signature destination for our community. We commend the Applicant and its architectural team for creating and designing a project that is really focused on creating a public realm that is focused on the street level experience that will bring people back to the project again and again.

I met with representatives of the Applicant and was present at the Applicant's presentation to the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association on March 4, 2019. I have been impressed with the Applicant's commitment to making the community aware of this project and responding to questions that were raised. I am confident that they will continue to be a valued and important partner in the continued development of the South Dakota Avenue corridor.

We look forward to the Zoning Commission's approval of the project and our continued dialogue with the Applicant as we work together to make this phase of the Art Place at Fort Totten project a wonderful success. Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Respectfully Submitted,


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South Dakota Avenue/Riggs Road Main Street Program

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