September 8, 2020

To: Zoning Commission
Suite 210-S
414 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: 1333 M Street SE PUD Application; Zoning Commission Case 20-06

Dear Sirs:

Here are my GENERAL COMMENTS:

In your review of the PUD for 1333 M St SE, please support the development of an Adult Day Center with Memory Care. The ANC6B Planning and Zoning Committee voted overwhelmingly, to support the proposal for "Friends of Capitol Hill Adult Day Center." We believe this proposal meets the requirements of a public benefit under the pertinent provisions of the Zoning Regulations.

I am on the Board of Capitol Hill Village. I work closely with our members who have well defined and articulated the need for an Adult Day Center in our part of the City and for all income levels. We are long time Hill residents. We have raised our children on the Hill, dedicated ourselves to the community and would like the option to remain in our community as we age in place.

Ward 6 is home to 11,000 seniors, a population that is growing as more seniors, either through financial, health, or life choices, desire to remain in their homes and their community. There are no adult day centers with memory care serving Ward 6.

Adult Day Centers, among the most important building blocks of long-term care:

- Provide a range of programs to improve health, decrease depression, and reduce hospitalizations
- Are less costly than in-home care, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes
- Enable vulnerable adults to age "in place," at home with their family

We also hope that the ANC and Zoning Commission will seek a stronger proffer from the developer, in light of the significant "ask" the developer is making of the city and Ward 6. The proposed benefits proffered to date, are insufficient. A stronger proffer should include, at a minimum, at least $250,000 toward the Friends of Capitol Hill Adult Day Center's. Funding this project would help balance the scales favorably toward the community's needs and wants.

Please support the inclusion of the community benefit that will fund the "Friends of the Capitol Hill Adult Day Center." This is a prudent and smart investment.

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