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Mr Lloyd Jordan, Chair
D C Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N W Suite 210
Washington, D C 20001

RE: BZA Case No 18508 Howard University Interdisciplinary Research
Building

Dear Chairman Jordan

The LeDroit Park Civic Association is writing in support of the BZA application of Howard University requesting permission to construct the Interdisciplinary Research Building on Georgia Avenue at "W" Street, N W without the parking required in this zone district for this kind of use

The University's team made a presentation of the project on Tuesday, January 22nd and fielded questions from the membership Residents wanted and received assurances that the building and the site were going to be developed in a sustainable way and welcomed learning that the building would strive toward LEED gold certification Residents were also assured that the building's activities were not deemed hazardous and that safety elements were a major part of the design considerations The University team agreed to return to the civic association with more detail about construction plans, specifically how the construction trash would be minimized and cleaned up

The civic association members were informed of the reasons for the request to construct the building with no parking, and understand the need to limit vibrations and minimize complications that come with the high water table in the area It has been explained that most of the researchers who will use the building already have parking permits and that the building will generate no or very little demand for additional parking Lastly, the civic association has participated with the University in its campus master planning process and is aware of D C DDOT's requirement that the University reduce its total number of parking spaces

At the end of the discussion, the membership in attendance voted unanimously to support Howard University's request for a parking variance for the Interdisciplinary Research Building, and we encourage you to approve this variance

Respectfully yours,

Marc Morgan
President, LeDroit Park Civic Association

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