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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 18589
EXHIBIT NO. 27

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Re: BZA Case No 18589
District of Columbia Housing Authority
Lot 0119 Square 6156, 401-407 Condon Terrace S.E. and 400-408 Atlantic Street S.E.

Dear Ms Bardin,

It is with great pleasure that I write to express the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's ("DMPED") support for the District of Columbia Housing Authority's ("DCHA") Special Exception Application for the development of a 24-unit multifamily building in place of 24 (twenty-four) existing townhomes, designed to create better housing opportunities for the residents of Highland Dwellings neighborhood in furtherance of DCHA's mission and strategic goals of providing safe and decent housing

For the past several years, the Highland Dwellings neighborhood has presented a unique challenge through its need for a comprehensive rehabilitation. DCHA has now designed a redevelopment plan that addresses the needs of the residents and the larger community while ensuring Highland Dwellings long-term sustainability

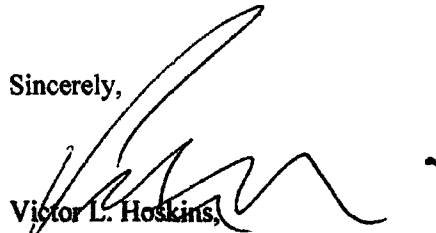
The redevelopment of a 24-unit multifamily building will provide high-quality and compatible residential units and unique amenities that will significantly improve the overall character of the Highland Dwellings neighborhood. The 24-unit multifamily building will not adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood, rather it will contribute to DCHA's continuing efforts to revitalize the Highland Dwellings neighborhood

DCHA's Special Exception Application fulfills its mission and strategic goals to provide quality affordable housing to extremely low- through moderate-income households, foster sustainable communities, and cultivate opportunities for residents to improve their lives while meeting the highest expectations of the affordable housing industry

In keeping with its mission to engage the community, DCHA received support and feedback from the Highland Dwelling residents, the Highland Resident Council, and the ANC regarding its redevelopment plans. Such engagement of the community will ensure that the new development offers safe, decent, and affordable residential units of the highest quality and furthers DCHA's longstanding efforts to redevelop Highland Dwellings.

DMPED fully supports DCHA's Special Exception Application to create better housing opportunities for the residents of Highland Dwellings in furtherance of its mission and strategic goals. The 24-unit multifamily development is critical to completing DCHA's efforts to redevelop Highland Dwellings and creating a sustainable community. DMPED looks forward to providing any assistance necessary to advance DCHA's redevelopment plans for Highland Dwellings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor L. Hoskins", written over the printed name.

Victor L. Hoskins,
Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development