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Mr. Lloyd Jordon
Chair
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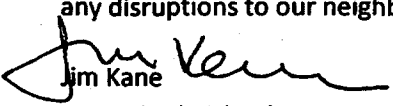
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Dear Mr. Jordon,

I am writing to lend my support to the Helix Hotel's proposed project and urge the BZA to approve its plan. I moved to the neighborhood in 1993, when the 14th Street corridor was a very different place. Few of the people who today eat and drink at its sidewalk terraces may imagine that just 20, even 15 years ago, this was a desolate, crime-choked war zone. One of the epicenters of the neighborhood's troubles was the Howard Johnson Hotel (the Helix's predecessor). Those of us that have lived here in the neighborhood remember the noise and chaos that came with the clients of that hotel.

We were understandably thrilled when LaSalle Partners and Kimpton Hotels decided to take over the property. Since those early days of 14th Street's transformation, the Helix Hotel has been a critical partner as we worked to turn our neighborhood around. The hotel staff have always operated as a partner to us in the community, and we are pleased to see their plans for the hotel's next stage. Moreover, the proposed renovations at the Helix are a testament to LaSalle and Kimpton Hotels' on-going commitment to our neighborhood. As a DC resident with a memory of more troubled times in my neighborhood, I am pleased to support progress and renewal in the city.

The hotel management has been very accommodating to my concerns as well as listening attentively to my neighbors here along the block and specifically those of us that live at 1426 Rhode Island Ave. We have all had a chance to offer ideas and concerns, and we agree that the proposed expansion will be a major improvement for the hotel and the neighborhood. I've worked for years in the construction industry in the DC Metropolitan region, and I will work closely with the hotel management to minimize any disruptions to our neighborhood during the construction process.


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