

October 31, 2013

Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Katie Gan, and my husband and I live in 1426 Rhode Island Ave, Apt A. I am writing to support the proposed renovation of the Helix Hotel.

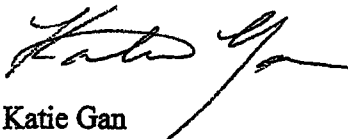
My husband and I were married last September and bought our place in January. As we settle into our new lives and home, we have become huge Logan Circle boosters. Because we have invested – and continue to invest - in the community for the long-term, I want to ensure that its continued evolution and development is positive for the neighborhood and thoughtfully managed. After meeting with the Helix and the community, learning about the proposed renovation, and careful thought, I've concluded that the proposed renovation of the Helix is both positive for the neighbors/neighborhood and thoughtfully managed. Moreover, I've concluded that the long-term benefits outweigh the short-term disruption that we, as their adjacent neighbors, will experience during construction.

I believe that the proposed renovation of the Helix will improve the neighborhood. Aesthetically this is obvious from their redesign of the front entrance. However, the improvements are more than just skin (brick) deep. Further, the renovation, particularly the building of the conference space, will lead to a shift in Helix's clientele to one that is less disruptive to the neighborhood. For example, the professional clientele using the conference space will be less likely to hang out in front of the Helix (or our home) and cause noise or litter issues. Moreover, they are also more likely to have discretionary income to spend in our local businesses.

My confidence in the Helix to manage the renovations with consideration is based on our experience as their adjacent neighbors. Throughout the planning process, Helix has listened to our concerns, no matter how small, and done its best to address them. While we had initial concerns about potential noise from the conference space, the team at the Helix patiently explained their sound mitigation strategies and designed in additional baffling. While I accept that construction might be disruptive, I have confidence that the Helix management will ensure the disruptions are minimal, communicate with us about progress, and work with us through any of the inevitable issues that might arise, as they have in prior projects.

To conclude, I believe that Helix is a good neighbor who contributes positively to our community. The proposed renovation and their continued investment in the neighborhood is more evidence of their being a good neighbor. I fully support their application.

Sincerely,



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