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To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing in support of the proposed Ditto development at 1326 Florida Avenue NE (square 4068, Lot 835) pursuant to 11 DCMR§3103.2, for a variance from the off-street parking requirements under subsection 2101.1.

Development is coming to Trinidad. It's already started. We've had our fair share of terrible investors and developers who have really hurt (and continue to hurt) our neighborhood. Ditto is an outstanding firm and have a proven track record of quality. They've taken great effort to show that they care about this neighborhood and it's residents. I want to make sure that the developers we attract to the gateway to Trinidad put in something of high quality and treat the immediate surrounding neighbors well. Ditto has my confidence.

The issue has been over the variance in parking, which to me seems like a moot point. A lot of misinformation was being slung around to get people riled up, and it worked. I sat in on a meeting and read relevant documents, and I fail to see why parking will be an issue and why it should be used as an excuse to hold up this project. The block is not eligible for RPP anyway. Their study showed they only anticipate the need for 14 spaces and they are putting in 16. New DC regulations may actually bring down the number of required spaces to 15. Ditto has also agreed to exclude tenants from obtaining RPP should the block be rezoned in the future to allow zoned parking. I fail to see where the problem lies.

If we chase Ditto away we could end up with any number of other developers who could put in something awful that we would have zero say over. I'd love to seal this deal and ensure we get a nice building with a responsible owner on that corner.

Thank you for your consideration.

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