

LANGSTON LOFTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Marnique Heath, Chairperson
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 200-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Letter in Support of BZA Case No. 19343

Dear Chairperson Heath and Members of the Board:

I am submitting this letter to express the support for the above-referenced application for The Goldstar Group's proposed mixed-use development at 1355-1357 U Street, NW. I am the President of the Board of the Langston Lofts Condominium Association located at 1390 V Street NW. Our building's south wall faces on the alley that is to the north of the proposed project. We are excited to see this vacant set of properties be revitalized and an active development that can contribute to the U Street corridor. We are in favor of the proposed preservation and restoration of the two existing historic structures as well as the proposed ground and second floor retail uses. We find the project's design appropriate given the mix of historic buildings and new construction along U Street today and are pleased that we might begin to revitalize a long neglected set of structures in the emerging U Street corridor.

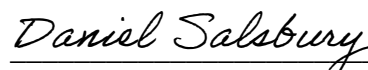
We would anticipate the new construction and occupants will help to offset the neglected alleyways behind our property that has come to serve as a frequent and unmanaged dumping ground for unwanted refuse and graffiti due to the neglected properties.

We find the building massing and design pleasing. The fact that the building is set back from U Street gives the appearance that the addition is a completely separate, mid-block structure. In partnership with the developers and new residents, the Langston Lofts Condominium Association would support the request for rear yard relief as it supports the proposed massing concept provided there is minimal, if any, impact to the Langston Lofts Condominium building.

Let me emphasize this approval is granted provided that we, as neighbors with abutting properties, anticipate we may now collectively begin addressing the already existing issues mentioned prior regarding refuse discardment, trash container placement by local businesses, and frequent marking of buildings within the alleyway with graffiti.

The proposed project will be a vast improvement over existing conditions that we hope will benefit from the aforementioned revitalization of the two neglected properties. I would ask the Board to consider our support, as residents of the U Street community and immediate neighbors of this project, and approve this application.

Sincerely,



Daniel Salisbury, President Langston Lofts Board