



November 13, 2017

Dear Zoning Board:

My name is Charles Wilson; I am a resident of the Anacostia Historic District and president of the Historic Anacostia Block Association (HABA), the civic association for the Historic District. The Historic Anacostia Block Association (HABA) aims to keep neighbors and interested stakeholders involved in and informed of the happenings in and around the Anacostia Historic District community.

I am writing to express our support for the grant application for the expansion of the boundaries of the Anacostia Historic District.

### **Historic District Sensitivity**

Though this project is not within the boundaries of the historic district of Anacostia, it has a direct impact to the charm and aesthetics that makes this neighborhood special. The size proposed by the owner would impend upon the aesthetics of the neighborhood. We ask that any adjustments to the height of the building be complimentary to the aesthetic guidelines for the historic district. This would mean minimal adjustments to the height of the building or an addition of no more than one story to the current structure.

### **Community Support**

The neighbors that live in around where this project is slated to be built do not feel they have had a chance to provide adequate input. In fact, the developer has yet to reach out to the neighborhood association to inform the community of his proposal. We ask the board to encourage the owner to attend our monthly meeting to receive input for our neighborhood.

Additionally, despite promises from both the owner's community outreach personnel and our ANC commissioner the residents immediately surrounding the property never received a traffic study to identify patterns in the flow of traffic through our community and potential impacts on parking. We ask that no variances related to parking requirements are approved due to the absence of a viable transportation action plan. Additionally, due to the questionable nature of the community outreach staff, this study

should be conducted by a third party that has no associations with any of the parties involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Wilson