

Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B



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Re: **Consent Calendar – Minor Modification**
Rhode Island Avenue Metro
Order No. 04-24A/B

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to express the support of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B for a minor modification to the Rhode Island Avenue Metro PUD allowing up to 20% office uses in the project's commercial space.

As you know, Mid-City Urban and A&R Development Corp. have worked very closely with our community over the past several years in order to plan and design a project that truly serves local residents and businesses. Rhode Island Avenue Metro is bringing substantial new investment to Ward 5, including luxury apartments – 20% of which will be affordable to low-income people – and retail amenities that do not currently exist in our neighborhoods. We have long waited for the sit down restaurants and upscale convenience shopping in a town center environment that this project will create.

The inclusion of office uses at Rhode Island Avenue Metro was initially proposed in order to ensure that the project's financing can be secured. We wholeheartedly support this concept, not only because it will help a long-awaited vision become reality, but because it offers several other benefits to Ward 5 that are fully consistent with the plan for Rhode Island Avenue Metro that we developed in partnership with the developers.

These benefits include new office employment opportunities at an easily-accessible location that is very central to our community. We are also pleased that office space will increase daytime traffic on the site, helping to create the active, town center

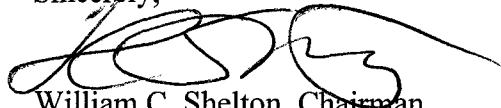
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experience that we've seen in other places such as Shirlington and Bethesda and want to enjoy in our own community. Finally, we would like to take advantage of the customer services that offices will offer right here in our neighborhood without requiring a trip downtown.

In short, the ANC 5B continues to strongly support Rhode Island Avenue Metro and believes the inclusion of office space is an excellent addition to the project. We respectfully request your approval of this minor modification. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. C. Shelton', with a stylized, flowing script.

William C. Shelton, Chairman
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B