

1020 Monroe Street 2003 Tenants Association

November 14, 2005

D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Zoning Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice the sentiment of the 1020 Monroe Street 2003 Tenants Association's total support for the PUD (Case No. 05-18), for the property at 1020 Monroe Street, N.W. We the tenants of 1020 Monroe Street, NW, are very happy to have the opportunity to become homeowners. Something, at that time, no one had been considering as an option or thought they would not be able to realize. Then along came Hope 7 Inc., our angel, bringing hope to low to moderate-income people. Hope 7 brings hope that we will see, feel and soon we will be able to touch.

There are 21 units in the building, 19 tenants were living here at the time the notice for sale was received. I am proud to say that 9 families will be returning. We see this as something close to a miracle.

As we consider the facts, we are seeing neighborhoods being turned over to new people, high priced housing being developed and people given slim to no options. There are long-standing residents of the community that are not able to afford the gentrification of the buildings in Columbia Heights or anywhere else in DC. Their families of 2-3 generations have lived in DC housing for years and are not being given the option to come back to the new and improved. This is subsequently breaking down families all over the city while creating homelessness, crime, excessive drug use and hopelessness among people of many cultures.

We believe the Hope 7 model to be an example to eradicate some of these problems. We see it at our own building. Not only is Hope 7 creating more units in our building, they can offer to new people but the long-term residents have the option also, which is not happening now here in DC. Hope 7 is a shining example to many developers and government agencies all over the city as to what can be done without displacing people.

We the tenants of 1020 Monroe Street 2003 Tenants Association wholeheartedly support Hope 7 Inc. as the Zoning Commission reviews the PUD (Case No. 05-18). May positive action become the order of the day. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,



Thaja M. Grace, President
1020 Monroe Street 2003 Tenants Association

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District of Columbia

CASE NO. 05-18
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Gentlemen:

I Highly Recommend that you Approve "The Mixed Use Zoning Proposal OS18, Exactly as HOPE, Inc. proposes on 11-21-05

The Thomason Family has Lived on Monroe Street since 1966. I Live directly across from this "MAJESTIC PROPOSAL".

Building 1020, Monroe Street is A LAND MARK -- The most PROFOUND Building in our community. In the past, it has PROVIDED many different TYPES of Businesses, Including my Church

The proposed Building will supply Retail Space, AND much Needed Homes for Moderate AND Low Income Residents; Some who Include my Friends -- The past Resident who will Return

The Building is Wonderfully designed. It is Elegant. And It is very Beautiful AND Essential for our Neighborhood.

Finally, If the permit is Passed as Proposed, A Very Farsighted, Hardworking, dynamic, Energetic Team will have worked a wonder -- "The Miracle of 11th Street."

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,
(Roger Thomason)
Roger Thomason

PS

It is Because of an untimely death... that I am unable to ATTEND this meeting. Again, Approve This --
It... is Delay!

1020 Monroe Street, NW Washington, DC 20010

**1020 Monroe Street
2003 Tenant
Association****Fax****To:** Director Office of Planning**From:** 1020 Monroe Street TA**Fax:** 202-727-6072**Pages:** 3**Phone:****Date:** 11/18/2005**Re:** PUD Case No. 05-18☐ **Urgent**☒ **For Review****Please Comment**☐ **Please Reply**☐ **Please Recycle**

Please include the following letters in lieu of personal appearances for the record at the hearing of PUD Case No. 05-18, scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2005 at 6:30 pm.

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