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Re: CASE NO. 05-18 (Hope 7 Monroe Street, LP – Consolidated PUD and Related Zoning Map Amendment)

Dear Sir / Madam:

With this letter, I respectfully request that the following statement be included in the record as written testimony in lieu of personal appearance or oral presentation with respect to the public hearing pertaining to CASE No. 05-18.

I have read and am familiar with the proposed renovation project of the property located at 1020 Monroe Street, NW. As a nearby resident, my major concern is the impact of what this development will have on parking availability in the neighborhood. As it stands today, the property does not have dedicated private parking at all. It is my understanding that the proposed three (3) parking spaces will be constructed on land that currently serves as a driveway to the property. In short, these three parking spaces will constitute the entire parking structure for the proposed renovation project of 27 residential units and 5,727 square feet of ground floor retail space which, at a minimum, will require 40 to 50 parking spaces at any given time! The additional demand for parking spaces will add tremendous burden to an already stretched neighborhood.

For the majority of the residences in the neighborhood, including mine, off-street parking is simply not an option. The approval of the proposed Hope 7 Monroe Street renovation project without adequate provision of parking space will have detrimental consequences on nearby residents, including day-to-day hardship in trying to locate street parking and eventually loss of property value.

Sincerely,



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