



Government of the District of Columbia

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DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Commission Members,

Subject: ZC Case No. 05-18 1020 Monroe Street NW

This letter expresses my support for a favorable ruling by the Commission in Zoning on the Planned Unit Development application in the above noted case. The proposed project of the Hope 7 Monroe Street Limited Partnership will redevelop the building at 1020 Monroe Street into a mixed use facility with retail units along the 11th street corridor and 28 residential condominiums.

As the Commission is aware, affordable housing remains a high priority in this city and, as real estate prices continue to skyrocket, the need for affordable housing remains at crisis level in the City. One of Mayor's priorities is to develop additional units of affordable housing to meet the needs of the District residents who cannot compete in this period of the real estate prosperity boom. Thus, we are encouraged by this development and excited by the affordable housing opportunity presented. This development will help ease the shortage of affordable housing in our City and help move us a step closer to our stated goal.

Finally, I believe when the Hope 7 project is successful; it will help spur other economic activities in the community. I urge the Commission's favorable ruling on the PUD application.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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