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**RE: Letter of Support for Parkside Townhomes and Senior Building (ZC Case No. 05-28a)**

Dear Chairman Hood,

I am writing to express my strong support of the Second Stage Parkside PUD application (ZC Case No. 05-28a), which includes an affordable 98 unit senior apartment building and 112 townhomes. The development of the affordable senior apartment building by a partnership of Banc of America CDC and Victory Housing will fill a great need in the Ward 7 community for quality housing for our growing senior population. The 112 townhomes being developed by CityInterests will bring homeownership opportunities to residents of our ward and provide urgently needed workforce housing. These two projects are the first phase of development under the master plan that was approved by Zoning Commission Order No. 05-28 (First Stage Parkside Planned Unit Development & Related Zoning Map Amendment -- Parkside Residential, LLC).

The proposed first phase of this important fifteen acre redevelopment project fulfills the vision for the Parkside community that was developed in concert with the residents of Parkside and the surrounding neighborhoods and received their unanimous endorsement during the First Stage PUD approval process. The Parkside redevelopment project is a critical component of the overall redevelopment of downtown Ward 7 as expressed in the Ward 7 Vision Plan and the Deanwood/Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue NE/Minnesota Avenue NE Strategic Development Plan. These collaborative planning efforts between the community and the city government envision a mixed-use, transit-oriented future for downtown Ward 7. It is very important that we begin the implementation of these plans now to capture the energy and goodwill created by these planning efforts.

I urge the favorable consideration of this Second Stage PUD application by the Zoning Commission. My office has been impressed with the community outreach that has been undertaken by these developers and by the strong support they have received from our community. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember -- Ward 7

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**District of Columbia**

CASE NO. 05-28A

EXHIBIT NO. 28