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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Anthony Hood, Chairperson
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Zoning Commission Case No. 06-31 (Final Action: John Akridge Development Company -- Two-Year PUD Time Extension @ 5220 Wisconsin Ave NW)

Dear Chairperson Hood:

I am writing to express my support of an extension for the Akridge PUD to be located at 5220 Wisconsin Ave, Northwest. I believe this extension should be granted without conditions.

This project has had my support for more than two years, and I am proud to stand by it. The project's location, virtually on top of the Friendship Heights Metro station, is precisely the type of transit-oriented development that will boost our local economy while reducing traffic and pollution. The inclusion of affordable housing makes the project part of the solution to one of our most pressing issues. The environmentally friendly design, which will strive for LEED certification, is an example of the type of green building that the District has begun to champion. Finally, the package of neighborhood amenities, which some wish to renegotiate, is already impressive. \$100,000 for the Janney Elementary School, \$500,000 for the Lisner Home, and \$30,000 for IONA Senior Services demonstrate how seriously Akridge takes its responsibility to the community.

This project has been delayed due to an appeal that has now been abandoned. The economy has worsened and made financing of all projects more difficult. The developer should not be held responsible for any delays.

Please approve an extension for the Akridge PUD without conditions. In doing so, you will encourage the type of smart growth the District both needs and deserves.

Regards,

Mary M. Cheh

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