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Re: 1444 Irving Street, N.W., Planned Unit Development (Z.C. Case No. 07-02)

Members of the Commission:

I am writing to express my support for the above-referenced application. The applicant seeks approval of a planned unit development (PUD) and related map amendment to allow the construction of a 69-unit condominium building and a 104-unit community based residential facility (CBRF) at 1444 Irving Street, N.W.

The proposed development will further the objectives of the District's Comprehensive Plan and the Mayor's Housing Initiative by providing both market-rate and affordable housing within walking distance of public transportation. The condominium building will contain more than 80,000 square feet of new residential space. Twenty percent of the condominium units will be reserved for households earning less than eighty percent of area median income. The proposed CBRF, which is to be constructed by the District, will provide 33,665 square feet of gross floor area dedicated to providing temporary accommodations for the homeless. The proposed project will provide the kind of important public benefits the PUD process is designed to encourage.

For all of the foregoing reasons, I support the above referenced application.

Sincerely,

Neil O. Albert
Deputy Mayor for Planning
and Economic Development

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District of Columbia

CASE NO. 07-02
EXHIBIT NO. 27