

January 21, 2009

District of Columbia
Zoning Commission
441 4th St. NW
Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Kelsey Gardens PUD Redevelopment at (700-702 Q Street, NW, 701-703 P Street, NW, and 1510-1518 7th Street, NW)

Commission Members:

As a long time resident in the Shaw community, I have reviewed the submission for the Kelsey Gardens PUD dated January 12, 2009 and the supplemental package dated January 16, 2009. I fully offer my support to the project and approve of the design as presented in these most recent submissions.

The continued debate on the suitability of this project for Shaw needs to come to a conclusion that will allow the project to proceed to development and construction. The issue of parking is very important to the current residents of the neighborhood. With new developments being a continued process in the Shaw and are drawing more residents to the area, the residents of these news buildings should be provided parking on site to prevent disruption to the routines and lifestyles of current residents and ease the strain on what is already a big issue in street parking. Convention Center and the many new bars and restaurant patrons are already a real concern to residents in regards to parking. It is unimaginable to build new buildings without enough parking to accommodate their residents and users. The 230 spaces proposed in the submitted design are satisfactory to accommodate the project and should be approved.

As a resident in Shaw, I fully understand the impact these delays can have on the community. A swift approval on this project will allow the project to give new life to a site that was once home to many families in our community. With economy, further delays in the approval of the project not only increases the risks to owners in finding financing and bringing new housing and retail to the residents of Shaw, but the project will also benefit families, community organizations, and businesses, therefore, additional delays prolongs the delivery of these benefits to the community.

Please propose approval action for the Kelsey Gardens PUD so that Shaw residents can begin to enjoy the benefits of redevelopment that many other neighborhoods of the City have already seen.

Respectfully,

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