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Request to submit letter for : Case Nos. 08-24 and 08-24/A04-25

Abdo Developmnet, LLC and Trustees of the CUA

Submitting as: Proponent

To the Zoning Commissioners,

This letter is written in support of Abdo Development Company's project in Brookland, NE. Dance Place is the only independent professional performing arts facility in Ward 5. We have been a leader of the cultural development in Brookland since moving to our permanent facility in 1986. For twenty-nine years we have served as a nationally recognized destination for dance artists as well as a community arts center for people of all ages.

Dance Place's home includes two training and rehearsal studios, a 165 seat theater, two offices, a children's center and housing for artists. Dance Place's rich history with innovative programming has earned us a significant national reputation for building the field of dance and providing creative education programs for youth.

We welcome the Abdo development and its potential for enlivening our wonderful neighborhood. The arts walk, retail and residential components further our own desire to make Brookland a cultural destination in Northeast DC. It's a well documented fact that artists of all fields in DC lack sufficient studio space and affordable residential opportunities. The result is artists migrating into more affordable MD and VA suburbs. This loss of creative talent and invention that could enrich our city on many levels is simply lost to other localities.

In particular, the arts component of this development will bring a refreshing signature to the project and to the neighborhood. This development builds upon the proposed residential live/work space for artists currently in development by ArtSpace, USA next door to Dance Place. There is truly potential to create a very vibrant arts hub here in Brookland.

The retail and residential components of the Abdo project are also very welcome. We believe the increased density of population living in proximity to the metro will attract citizens that are eager to be out and about, involved and engaged in their community. The Twelfth Street business corridor, 8th Street arts corridor and Abdo development will

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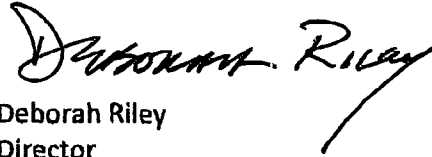
generate a synergy of connectedness for Brookland residents. We believe the increased population will inspire additional businesses and organizations to make their home on Twelfth Street, strengthening the connection between the three physical hubs.

Dance Place community, staff and board of directors is in support of the proposed development and looking forward to the enriching community that it will surely inspire.

Yours truly,

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Carla Perlo
Founder/Director

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Deborah Riley
Director



Fax Cover Sheet

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September

13 Season Opening Fundraiser
Pure, a Tribute to Hip-Hop Legend Rennie Harris
20-21 Eiko and Koma
27 Dance DC Festival

October

4-5 El Teatro de Danza Contemporanea de El Salvador
11-12 Devi Dance Theater
18-19 Alvin Mayes
25 Hispanic Festival

November

1-2 A Peace of Daheart
7-9 EDGEWORKS Dance Theater
15-16 Moving Higher: Dance Place's College Festival
22-23 Carta & Co. with guest artist Emily Crews

December

6-7 Tehreema Mitha Dance Company
13-14 Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble
20 Kwanzaa Celebration
20-21 Urban Foli

January

3-4 LEVYdance
9-10 Winter Heat
17-18 Kankouran West African Dance Company
24-25 Wally Cardona and Rahel Vonmoos
31 Karen Reedy Dance

February

7 Gesel Mason Performance Projects
13 & 15 DANCEVERT
14 Valentines Day Dance
20-22 Black Expressions: Hip Hop Festival!!!
28-3/1 Washington Reflections Dance Company

March

7-8 Tappers With Attitude
13-14 Rennie Harris Puremovement
21-22 VTDance
22 Youth Dance Festival
28 Coyaba's Intergenerational Showcase

April

4-5 Tania Isaac Dance
11 Virginia Repertory Dance Company
18-19 Deborah Riley Dance Projects
25-26 Deviated Theatre

May

2-3 Keg Woolford
9-10 Dakshina/Daniel Phoenix Singh & Company
16-17 Full Circle Productions
30-31 CrossCurrents Dance Company

June

6-7 DanceAfrica, DC
20-21 Tzveta Kassabova
27-28 Cassie Meado

July

11-12 New Releases Choreographers Showcase
18-19 Whose Body Is This?: Scars and Healing
25-26 Alternate ROOTS - Creative Convergence

August

1-2 Gravity Optional
8-9 Kim Giblisco Dances
13-14 Summer Camp Show

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THANK YOU!

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