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Anthony Hood, Chairperson
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
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**Re: Michigan Avenue & Irving Street, NE Mixed Use PUD Project - Zoning
Commission Case No. 08-33**

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

I am pleased to support the updated plans for the hotel, conference center, and restaurant project proposed for the Fringe Parking Lot site at Michigan Avenue and Irving Street, NE. The hotel and conference center project will offer much needed services to the community and institutions of Ward 5, and will provide significant revenues and job creation for the District of Columbia. I am also hopeful that this project will be able to continue to address the parking demands of the Washington Hospital Center by building a new parking facility at the site.

I fully realize that members of the applicant's development team have been working on this project since 1986, and have had the ongoing support of elected officials, including former mayors, councilmembers, and advisory neighborhood commissioners. I look forward to seeing this exciting project come to fruition and appreciate the applicant's willingness to continue working with our elected representatives in this endeavor.

Sincerely,


Harry "Tommy" Thomas, Jr.
Ward 5 Councilmember

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