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Re: Development of the Skyland Shopping Center – Zoning Commission Case
No. 09-03

Dear Chairman Hood:

As the Councilmember for Ward 8, I strongly support the approval of Skyland Holdings LLC's application for redevelopment of the shopping center. This PUD and Zoning Map amendment project will replace an aging shopping center with a state of the art town-center that will truly enhance the neighborhood.

The new retail stores proposed in this project will offer Ward 8 and Ward 7 residents long-awaited retail options and 800-1000 new jobs. This development team is committed to meeting and exceeding its employment of DC residents and contracting with small, local and disadvantage businesses with first priority going to Ward 7 and 8 to the fullest extent practical. The project will also provide a significant number of housing units, many of them affordable to the area. The project will likely draw many visitors, from both near and far, which will help enliven the neighborhood.

I want to commend the applicant for its engagement with the community including ANC 8B and 8A and how they listened to the community's issues. As a result, the project has been designed in an aesthetically pleasing way and is appropriately integrated with the surrounding community. I look forward to the completion of this great addition to the community.

Respectfully,

Marion Barry
Councilmember, Ward 8

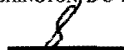
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