

Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B



Office of the Chairman
July 30, 2009

Anthony Hood
Zoning Commission, Chairman
441 4th Street, NW, Room 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 09-06 Request for PUD and Zoning Amendment

Dear Chairman Hood:

I write to you to inform you of ANC 5B's support for the proposed PUD along New York Avenue. Due to our summer recess, ANC 5B was unable to arrange for a regular meeting with a quorum prior to the Zoning Commission's public hearing on this PUD. However, the project has been presented to representatives of the ANC, including Jackie Manning, the single-member representative for the Arboretum community, and the project was approved by the Arboretum Civic Association at a recent public meeting.

Based on the community's support, ANC 5B supports the proposed PUD. The PUD will be a tremendous benefit to the residents of the Arboretum Neighborhood and other nearby residents because it will bring investment to this area of Ward 5. This PUD will be the catalyst to the revitalization and renaissance of New York Avenue. It will stabilize and enhance surrounding community by replacing unattractive low density commercial uses, such as junkyards, auto repair and a strip club, with a community-oriented retail and residential opportunities that create an urban character in the immediate neighborhood. There are many amenities offered through the PUD process, which include affordable housing, various retail opportunities, public spaces, and new streets, just to name a few.

For these reasons I urge the Zoning Commission to grant the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. C. Shelton', is written over a horizontal line.

William C. Shelton
Chairperson, ANC 5B

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