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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Greetings! On behalf of the River East Emerging Leaders, I am writing this letter in support of the approval of the zoning for St. Elizabeth's East Campus Master Plan.

The River East Emerging Leaders (r.e.e.l.) is a leadership organization located East of the River created to engage and empower residents and business in Wards 7 & 8 in order to:

- foster, participate in, and encourage, educational, cultural, charitable, civic, and leadership development and participation in River East and surrounding communities;

- develop public-private partnerships to provide needed services and programs for residents in River East;

- assist and promote economic growth and investment in the River East community.

We believe the approval of the proposed zoning for St. Elizabeth's East Campus will allow the District of Columbia's offices of the Deputy Mayor of Planning and Economic Development and the Office of Planning to expeditiously move forward with the various phases of this approximately 4.2 million square feet of development located at the center of Ward 8.

Our excitement surround the St. Elizabeth's development project is grounded in the idea of the community remaining engaged and benefiting from the training, jobs and business opportunities that will ultimately be created. Additionally, we hope the City will promote smart growth in developing the campus by respecting its historic character and height limitations to protect the fantastic views for all to enjoy.

In closing, we believe that the Board of Zoning Adjustment's, modifications and continued commitment of District of Columbia leadership will have a catalytic impact on current and future development and residents East of the River and the District of Columbia as a whole.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles Wilson

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