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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Re: BZA Application No. 16387
Square 456 Associates, Applicant

Dear Madam Chairperson and Members of the Board:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Board of the support of the undersigned members of ANC 2C for the above-referenced application. ANC 2C does not meet in August and, therefore, was unable to hold an official meeting to deal with this matter at a normal public meeting. However, the ANC is aware of this application and has previously supported other zoning actions to assist in the development of the Square 456 property. The ANC has also been supportive of Zoning Commission and City Council actions designed to assist the Golden Rule Plaza project.

The ANC supports the granting of special exception relief to allow roof structures which do not meet the normal setback requirements in connection with the commercial and residential buildings on Square 456. The ANC understands that these roof structures are necessary for the proper operation of the buildings, and that their locations are determined by the size of the buildings, the location of existing roof structures and the requirements to design the renovation of and additions to existing buildings in the Downtown Historic District in accordance with preservation objectives.

The ANC is strongly supportive of the variance relief requested, which is very important to the ability of the Golden Rule Plaza project to proceed as expeditiously as possible. If the applicant is able to make the payment of $500,000 at the time of closing on the financing for the Golden Rule Plaza project and thereafter be free to construct and occupy its on-site commercial and residential project, approval of the variance by the Board will create an environment where both projects will be able to proceed at the earliest practicable time.

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The undersigned ANC Commissioners appreciate this opportunity to make their views known to the Board.

Sincerely yours,

Chairperson Laurence L. Thomas
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