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Ms. Sheila Cross-Reid, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., 2nd Floor
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Re: Letter of Support for BZA Application No. 16763 - Summit Properties - 900 15th Street, N.W.

Dear Chairperson Reid & Members of the Broad:

The purpose of this letter is to offer our strong support for Summit Properties' application to the BZA (BZA Application No. 16763) for variance relief. After reviewing the details of the proposed courtyard for the Summit Grand Parc building, we fully support Summit Properties application for variance relief from the court area requirements.

The revised court area plans that are the subject of this application include a minor revision to the originally approved interior court for the building. It is our understanding that the proposed court will have no impact on the exterior appearance of the historic United Mine Workers (UMW) Building. In addition, the interior appearance and efficiency of the building will be greatly enhanced by granting this application.

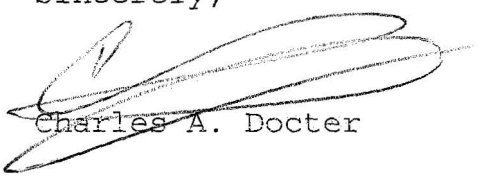
This organization has always been, and will continue to be, an ardent supporter of creating more downtown housing opportunities in our city. We have supported Summit Properties' renovation of the historic UMW Building for residential uses since its initial design stages. We believe that the BZA should grant the minimal variance

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relief as a means of evidencing the District of Columbia's determination to help this important cause.

Sincerely,



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