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It gives me a great pleasure to write in support of the National Hispanic Council on Aging's (NHC0A) Zoning Certification appealing BZA Application No. 16814 for the location of 2713 Ontario Rd. N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

The NHCoA has been a leader in supporting organizations that focus their activities on Hispanic elderly, a population much in need of assistance in the Washington DC Metropolitan area.

The National Hispanic Council on Aging is trying to attain space currently available in order to develop and implement several community projects where the Latino elderly are the focal target population. Most of the projects are focused on health and social-cultural issues related to the Latino elderly. The main purpose of this new space is to implement small community activities to increase awareness on health issues related to this minority elderly community and to provide an outdoor refuge for the seniors.

We strongly believe that it is important to have a location in this area that can be use as a "Central Hub" where the seniors would congregate to chat, have workshops, and exchange important information on health and social issues. This area would be different from other existing areas because it would focus on meeting the needs of both Spanish speaking and English speaking Hispanic Elderly and would focus on bring both populations together in order for them to exchange ideas, solution, and experiences.

An area such as describe above could only be asset to our community and I strongly advocate for you to consider the NHCoA's appeal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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