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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16858

Dear Members of the Board:

As the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, I write in support of the application for a 25% reduction in the required number of parking spaces for the DC USA development site, a project which has been a top priority of the District of Columbia for the last several years. Approval of the request is appropriate based on the community serving nature of the project and its location directly across the street from the Columbia Heights Metrorail station. Approval will also facilitate the development of the property at scale that will best meet the community's needs for retail and service uses in the area, and will provide the maximum long term economic benefit to the District of Columbia.

Efforts have been made throughout many levels and departments of the District government to bring this important project to fruition and to ensure its success once completed. Most pertinent to the application before the Board are the extended consultations that have been held over the last several years regarding the project's design in order to minimize its effect on the surrounding community, both in terms of the number of parking spaces provided and traffic circulation and efficiency in the area.

As a result of our committed efforts, I am confident that the number of parking spaces the developer proposes to provide will be sufficient to meet demand and the resulting development will be an asset to the surrounding community. I therefore strongly encourage the Board to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Eric Price
Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

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