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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application Number 17013, J.W. King Seniors Center

Dear Chairman Griffis and members of the Board:

I am writing in support of a zoning variance and special exception for the J.W. King Seniors Center, an affordable apartment building proposed to be located at 4638 H Street, S.E. The property will contain 74 units for elderly households and a community-based day care center for children. First Rock Baptist Church Foundation, Inc., an affiliate of First Rock Baptist Church, and MissionFirst Development, a DC-based affordable housing developer, are sponsors of the project.

The development has been selected for funding consideration by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and is currently going through our underwriting process for possible funding. The J.W. King Seniors Center meets several goals of DHCD including increasing the supply of decent affordable housing, supporting neighborhood revitalization, and promoting economic and community development.

This project will provide in-fill development in the Minnesota-Benning neighborhood, a priority funding area in Southeast D.C. The local Advisory Neighborhood Commission, ANC 7E, supports the project. The project has also received the support of the DC Housing Finance Agency, who will be providing mortgage revenue bonds and low-income housing tax credits.

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We hope that you favorably consider the request for a zoning variance and special exception so that this important community development effort can come to fruition. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stanley Jackson
Director

cc: Sarah Constant, MissionFirst Development