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Chairman Geoff Griffis and Members
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Re: Case #17017, Sq. 485, Lot 46 (809-813 6th Street, NW) **Via Fax**

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members,

I wanted to express my strong support for this project as envisioned.

As you are aware, this project will deliver 30 new residential units to the heart of the new downtown. The site has been vacant for decades, and while offering surface parking, provides far less in overall revenues and economic generation than what is being proposed would deliver.

The height, design, and uses I believe make the best practical alternatives for meeting the array of goals expected of this location. The design is and must be sensitive to historical impacts. The height is consistent with meeting that objective. At the same time, the variances requested allow the engineering necessary to make the structure viable, both physically and economically. The variances are also I believe consistent with actions in other cases and fit with the type of living space sought by the new residents of the downtown area.

I am very excited that this underperforming site will offer the dynamic contribution of new residents. This will mean new property, sales, and income taxes, along with the civic contributions residents will bring to Chinatown. Its delivery will help as well in achieving the success of other surrounding new residential/retail projects. **Together, these projects represent a revitalized East End.**

In short, I hope that you will be able to help this project be realized for the enhancement of our city.

Respectfully,

Terrance Lynch
Executive Director

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Thank you for today's case and hearing.

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