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

RE: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application
Donatelli & Klein Development in Square 2848 (All or Portions of Lots 71, 824, 865, and 867), Square 2843 (Lot 836), and Portions of Alley and Street to be Closed

Dear Members of the Board

The RLA Revitalization Corporation supports the above-referenced application for special exception and variance relief. Accordingly, the RLA Revitalization Corporation hereby authorizes the law firm of Holland & Knight LLP, to represent it in all matters before the Board of Zoning Adjustment related to the above-referenced property. As set forth in §3106.1 of District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, Title 11, this authorization includes the power to bind the owner in the case before the Board.

The application requests variance relief from the height, side yard and residential recreation space requirements of the Zoning Regulations because the property is affected by several exceptional situations and conditions, which result in a practical difficulty. RLA Revitalization Corporation believes that the variance relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good or the District's Zone Plan.

The RLA Revitalization Corporation also supports the requested special exception relief for a twenty-five percent reduction in the required parking for the retail portion of the building. The reduction is appropriate due to the project's adjacency to Metro, which will significantly reduce the amount of vehicular traffic at the site. RLA Revitalization Corporation believes that the project satisfies the requirements of Section 2108.3(a) through (e).

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Finally, the RLA Revitalization Corporation supports the request for a special exception from Sections 770.6 and 411 of the Zoning Regulations from the one enclosure and set back requirements.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Chris Donatelli at 301-654-0700.

Sincerely,

Theodore N. Carter
President and CEO

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