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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

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Geoffrey H. Griffis, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 220
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 17377 – 5401-07 9th Street NW

Dear Chairperson Griffis and Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I write to express support for a variance application for the renovation of a non-conforming 35-unit apartment building into a modern 39-unit multi-family dwelling at 9th and Jefferson Streets NW, one block east of Georgia Avenue. It is my understanding that eight of the existing units will be converted from one-bedroom into two-bedroom duplex units by adding mezzanine levels to the third floor of the building. Such two-bedroom affordable units are in great demand in this city, particularly by senior citizens and young married couples.

While I recognize that the requested variance would slightly expand an already non-conforming structure, it is my understanding that this relief is necessary to allow the project to move forward. I believe that the proposed renovation of old housing stock will help maintain and increase quality affordable housing in the District, and help upgrade the Georgia Avenue corridor and continue the revitalization of this neighborhood.

Thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Linda W. Cropp
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