



Government of the District of Columbia

Stanley Jackson

Deputy Mayor for Planning and
Economic Development

April 21, 2006

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220
Washington, DC 20004

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 17439
EXHIBIT NO. 38

2006 APR 21 PM 1:20
DC GOVT OFFICE
RECEIVED

Subject: BZA Appeal No. 17439 Certificate of Occupancy Permit No. CO-102037

Dear Mr. Griffis:

This letter expresses my support for the application for zoning adjustment by Gibson Investments, Inc. in the above noted case. The proposed restaurant owned by Gibson Investments, Inc. will provide a much needed alternative to the myriad of fast food carry-outs along the H Street Corridor.

As the Board is aware, the H Street Corridor has suffered from serious blight and disinvestment for over 30 years. For several years the District has been working with the H Street community to develop a revitalization plan for the H Street Corridor. The proposed restaurant fits within the type of businesses residents indicated would be acceptable along the corridor. The restaurant would be located in a newly developed building at the corner of 8th and H Streets, NE. The restaurant is a franchisee of an internationally recognized franchise and as such the owners have received extensive training in operating a restaurant. Each franchisee receives over 200 hours of hands-on and formal classroom training prior to opening their restaurant. Additionally, after opening the restaurant, each franchisee will receive on-going support and continuing education to meet the franchise's standards.

The District has already made significant investment of funds along the H Street corridor in order to spur commercial revitalization. One of Mayor's priorities is to develop a thriving commercial corridor along H Street NE to match the current boom in housing development in and around that corridor, and also to meet the demand by residents for retail and other services in and around the corridor. Thus, we are encouraged by Gibson Investments, Inc. proposed restaurant and we are excited by their willingness to invest in an area that is not yet established as a major commercial corridor.

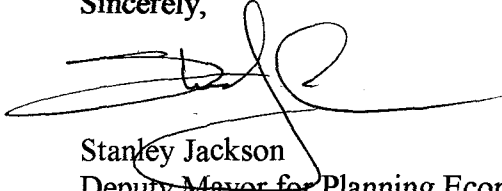
Finally, I believe that a proposed investment that is consistent with the expressed desires of the residents should be encouraged and assisted as much as possible in order to help spur other

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 17439
EXHIBIT NO. 38

economic activities and investments in the community. I therefore urge the Board's ruling in favor of Gibson Investments, Inc.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stanley Jackson', written over a horizontal line.

Stanley Jackson
Deputy Mayor for Planning Economic Development