

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Frederick Hill, Chairperson  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th St. NW Suite 210S  
Washington, D.C. 20001

**Subject: Letter in Support for BZA Case 19757, 1201 Staples Street NE**

Greetings Chairperson Hill and Honorable Members of the Board,

I'm writing to express my support for BZA Case 19757, an application to add a third-story to an existing two-story building located at 1201 Staples Street NE. On July 9<sup>th</sup>, I submitted a letter in opposition into the case record; however, following recent design changes I now support this BZA application.

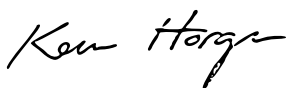
Earlier this year, I objected to the project, as described in Exhibit 7 and Exhibit 42, because of shading that would occur to the rooftop solar system located at the adjoining property. I believe development needs to occur in concert with the District's renewal energy goals, but most importantly, I don't want to see the homeowners' personal investments in our rooftop solar systems negatively impacted.

Last week, I attended the December 11<sup>th</sup> ANC-5D meeting where Mr. Will Teass presented the revised design labeled "concept e2" and shown in Exhibit 65. Mr. Teass fielded many questions from ANC commissioners and the community. Since July, the following significant changes have occurred:

- The final design now extends only 3-feet beyond the adjacent property, prioritizing the light incident to the rear windows of the adjacent home at 1203 Staples Street
- The BZA Applicant will install a new rooftop solar system on 1201 Staples Street NE, ensuring an increase in the production of clean, renewable energy in the District
- The BZA Applicant agreed to financially compensate the adjacent homeowners for the shading upon their system, with regards to both energy production and reduction in Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC)

Following the Q&A period after the ANC presentation, ANC-5D voted 4-1-0 to support the design described by Exhibit 65 drawings. I'm in full agreement with my ANC, and I'm especially thankful that Mr. Teass found a creative solution that meets the needs of a growing District and supports the District's renewable energy goals. I thank Mr. Teass for finding a win-win solution, and I now fully support BZA Case 19757 for the development of 1201 Staples Street NE.

Sincerely,



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CASE NO. 19757  
EXHIBIT NO. 66