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Dear members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I have been authorized to speak on behalf of the full ANC 5F Commission in support of application #21216 (418 Franklin Street, NE, 422 Franklin Street, NE & 2804 5th Street, NE). Since we have already transmitted our resolution requesting our support be granted great weight, I will not focus on that.

We have found the Applicant to be very forthcoming and engaged both with our Commission (via interactions with our Zoning and Development committee in addition to the full commission), as well as adjoining neighbors in 5F01. During this process they listened to concerns and made us confident that this project will be a net benefit to the neighborhood. Namely, the addition of much-needed housing units to the area, development of an underutilized block, and normalization of building size with other properties within the vicinity. We also acknowledge that the uniquely shaped plats introduce challenges to effective utilization of the land for housing.

We believe the relief requested by the Applicant is in alignment with the goals of our neighborhood, and will serve to further revitalize a block along a busy road. We hope that you, too, will find that to be the case and allow this project to move forward as proposed.

Thank you,

Aru Sahni, Commissioner, ANC 5F02