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Frederick L. Hill, Chairman  
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 200S  
Washington, DC 20001

Re. BZA Case No. 21230 – Special Exception and Variance Application of Washington Area Bicyclist Association

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing in strong support of the application submitted by Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) for zoning relief for the property located at 1110 Hamlin Street, NE. As the Ward 5 Councilmember, I am familiar with the goals of the Brookland Small Area Plan, including the goals of attracting community-oriented non-profit and advocacy groups to the Brookland neighborhood. WABA has been an important voice for transportation safety and equity in the DC region for many decades. WABA's relocation to Brookland is a positive development for our community and for the District generally.

I support WABA relocating its headquarters to Brookland. It repurposes a building that is no longer useful for multiple dwelling units, and WABA's employees are an opportunity for new patrons to the businesses and restaurants along the 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridor in Brookland. Furthermore, I have engaged community leaders and organizations in Brookland, all of whom support this relocation. Therefore, my support is reflective of the community's wishes.

The zoning relief necessary for WABA to relocate to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is minor relative to the benefits provided. The special exception and area variance relief is warranted given the unique circumstances of the property including its age and size. WABA does not propose to change the building footprint, and it is a non-profit with unique programmatic needs including storing oversized bicycles. I do not foresee and have not heard about any negative impacts from this requested relief. My understanding is that if this special exception and variance relief is not granted, the property in question will remain underutilized.

In conclusion, I urge the Board to approve the special exception and variance relief sought by WABA. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

In partnership,

Zachary Parker  
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