

June 2, 2025

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

RE: Letter in Support of Relief Requested in BZA No. 21297

Dear Chairperson Hill:

I understand that the District of Columbia Department of General Services (“DGS”) has applied for zoning relief before the Board of Zoning Adjustment regarding the Fort Davis Recreation Center Modernization Project located at 1400 41<sup>st</sup> Street SE. I write this letter to inform you that I ask the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve this application.

As the Commissioner representing the SMD in which the property is located, I have been engaged throughout the planning process for this project and have attended the community meetings held by DGS and DPR. The project team has made a concerted effort to keep the community informed, solicit feedback, and ensure that the redesigned recreation center meets the needs of neighborhood residents.

DGS presented the application for zoning relief to ANC 7B at our May meeting. Although the ANC did not take formal action at that time, I am supportive of the project and of the specific relief requested. I understand that the zoning application seeks a special exception from the long-term bicycle parking requirement, and based on the information presented, I believe the relief is reasonable and appropriate. The project provides ample short-term bicycle parking and retains other key features that support multimodal transportation access, including proximity to a Capital Bikeshare station and on-site amenities like showers and locker rooms for cyclists.

For these reasons, I support this application and respectfully request the Board approve the requested relief so the project can move forward without delay and deliver long-overdue improvements to the Fort Davis Recreation Center.

Sincerely,

Signed by:  
  
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Angela Sydnor  
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