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Zoning Commission
441 4th St., NW Suite 310
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Dear Members of the Commission:

I write in the support of a long desired remediation of a blighted property on the corner of 2nd and F Sts., NE. The majority of the community in North Capitol Hill have for years had to endure this decrepit property and have fought for sometime for some form of revitalization. I think the commission has before it an opportunity to make a portion of North Capitol Hill whole.

The application of the 2nd Street Preservation Association is an attempt by neighbors who have endured the hardships of the corner property at 2nd and F Sts. to finally reach a positive solution. Currently, the property is owned by National Community Church located literally around the corner in the 300 block of F St. They have a wonderful plan to convert the old store into beautiful coffee shop, which will benefit not only the immediate neighbors, but also many of the new neighbors who will work at the new Station Place development which will house the Securities and Exchange Commission.

There is some question as to whether granting a zoning change just for the corner parcel results in the practice of "spot zoning". Since I am neither a zoning expert nor attorney, I will not comment on the merits on either side on whether it is "spot zoning" or not. I will say for the record that to lose the opportunity to improve the living conditions for the immediate neighborhood would be unfortunate, and that the city should whatever it can to improve the quality of life of its residents.

I look forward to a decision that will again improve the condition of the immediate neighborhood. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ambrose
Councilmember, Ward 6

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