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Anthony J. Hood
Chairman, District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Room 210 South
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RE: ZC Case # 05-28C

Dear Chairman Hood:

The Community College of the District of Columbia (CCDC) strongly supports Zoning Commission cases 05-28E and 05-28C and urges their approval. The approval of these two PUD requests of Lano Parcel 12 LLC together will enable CCDC to develop a state-of-the-art campus in Ward 7. A robust presence in Ward 7 is important to the ability of CCDC to effectively serve the great need for quality post-secondary education and workforce training in that community.

The enrollment in our academic programs increased 50% from our first year in 2010 to this year. We project equally strong enrollment increases in the next few years. We will need substantial new space for the 2013-14 school year when this education building could be ready at Parkside. Parkside is an ideal location for a CCDC campus. 24 percent of our student body is from Ward 7. Based on conservative estimates in CCDC's strategic plan, student enrollment could increase to 7,000 students in 2015. Such an increase would require nearly 300,000 additional sq ft of space. The CCDC building at Parkside will be an important part of meeting the additional space needs to support CCDC's growth. Students drive, walk, bike, and take the metro (both subway and bus) to get to class. The majority of students, an estimated 70-80% take the metro to get to class. The multi-modal transportation access afforded by this site is an ideal situation for meeting the transportation needs of our students, staff and faculty: the close proximity of the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station and the many bus routes that converge there, Kenilworth Avenue/Route 295 and the excellent access to the region's highway system it provides, and the Anacostia Hiker/Biker Trail system that will provide safe and convenient bicycle access from all neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River and beyond.

The need for a newly-built facility is best stated at the beginning of the CCDC mission statement: "In diverse, technology enhanced learning environments, CCDC provides opportunities for students to obtain the requisite skills of today's workforce and prepares them for the demands of tomorrow." This proposed facility offers CCDC the

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best opportunity to fulfill this mission – a modern building incorporating in its design all of the technological capabilities needed to meet the demands of a 21st century college education.

CCDC is working with the developer, CityInterests, and the design team led by ZGF Architects to bring this CCDC campus to Ward 7. An approval by the Zoning Commission is the first step of the journey to make this center of learning a reality.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Gueverra
CEO, Community College of the District of Columbia