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Mr. Anthony J. Hood
Chairperson
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th St NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Letter of Support for ZC Case No. 05-28C and No. 05-28E

Hello, I'm writing to advise the DC Zoning Commission that I support CityInterests in their development at Parkside.

As the Executive Director of Groundwork Anacostia, I have worked in the Parkside community on numerous occasions and have a personal stake in the health and vitality of the area. Part of my organization's mission is to reclaim vacant land east of the Anacostia River for the purposes of recreation, conservation, and economic development. I believe that CityInterests is adhering to these same principles with its master vision for Parkside, and part of the vision should include the proposed Community College of DC campus and health care clinic along Kenilworth Avenue. Because CityInterests has dedicated itself to creating a LEED-ND development, both CCDC and the health care clinic will have sustainable features, such as a green roof for CCDC. These features will serve both the environment and the residents, who will learn more about green practices because of these buildings.

Further, on a much more basic level, the project at Parkside will bring jobs, educational opportunities, and safety to the Parkside community, which all residents need and deserve. In my work with Ward 7 youth on the Groundwork Anacostia Green Team, I see the need for better work, educational, and extracurricular opportunities in order for these youth to excel. Parkside will bring all three to this community, as well as much-needed retail and investment.

For these reasons, I'd like to express my support for the Parkside project and for the applications under consideration on April 7th. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Chestnut | Executive Director
Groundwork Anacostia River DC

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