



District of Columbia State Board of Education
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State Board Member
Ward 7

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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 Lano Parcel 12 in their development at Parkside.

As a member of the DC State Board of Education for Ward 7, former chairperson of ANC 7D, and a graduate of the University of the District of Columbia, I firmly believe in the importance of bringing more high-quality education to the residents of Ward 7. Having the flagship campus of the Community College of DC in Parkside steps away from the new Educare early childhood learning center, Neval Thomas Elementary School, and the successful Cesar Chavez Public Charter School for Public Policy will create an affordable educational pipeline through which every resident of the Parkside-Kenilworth neighborhood, as well as DC as a whole, can benefit.

CCDC will help make great strides toward addressing the endemic issue of unemployment in the surrounding neighborhood by providing affordable Associates degree and workforce training programs that are tailored to the needs of the current DC job market. Residents who may never have had access to higher education in the past can now gain skills and knowledge that will make them more competitive in the 21st century job market. Further, the daily comings and goings of students at CCDC will bring much needed vibrancy and activity to this long underserved neighborhood.

For these reasons, I'd like to express my support for the Parkside project and for the applications under consideration on April 4th. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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