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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
ATTN: Mr. Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson
441 4th Street NW
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Dear Mr. Hood and DC Zoning Commission Members:

As a current Instructional Coach in the District of Columbia Public Schools System and former high school English Department Chairperson at the César Chávez Public Charter School-Parkside Campus, I am reiterating that it is of the utmost importance that the Community College of the District of Columbia (CCDC) is **approved** for the Parkside community. Both the Community College of the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Promise Neighborhood Initiative (DCPNI) go hand in hand for an institution of higher learning will ensure that our children and residents as a whole will receive higher education and training that will enable them to be marketable in the job force and become even more productive citizens.

I am a 4th generation educator; my great-grandmother taught at-risk children in the early 1900s and her spirit of educational advocacy lives in me. It is shameful that others who do **not** live directly in the Parkside community would promote generational poverty in keeping the masses uneducated. Such opposition is detrimental and beyond dangerous. Our Ward 7 residents deserve better, and a grave injustice will happen if the CCDC is not approved. Please find it in your hearts and in your souls to approve the construction of the Community College of the District of Columbia.

Respectfully yours,
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