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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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RE: Letter of Support for Application of ZC Case No. 05-28C and 05-28E

I am a resident of the Parkside Townhomes in the Parkside/Kenilworth community. This letter is to advise the District of Columbia Zoning Commission that I support the efforts of CityInterests, LLC in the development project at Parkside.

For the following reasons, I support the approval of these applications:

. Increased building height along Kenilworth Avenue will create the density needed to attract office tenants to our neighborhood, which will provide jobs and careers for residents here at Parkside. Currently we have no retail services in our community. Office tenants will provide daytime customers that will support and attract the much-needed retail planned for our community.

. The Community College of DC will contribute to the Promise Neighborhood mission of providing an "education conveyor belt" to the residents of Parkside. Adult education is very important to our residents, and we have worked hard to earn a Promise Neighborhood designation from the Federal Department of Education. CCDC will provide training in fields tailored to the workforce needs of the city, from which our residents will benefit. Unemployment is a terrible problem for our community, and CCDC can help ease this problem. The planned Parkside development will bring many jobs to the neighborhood that we, as residents, can apply for. Common areas in the new CCDC will be available for community use, providing more space for community events and gatherings. New office space facing Kenilworth Avenue will draw interest and investment to our community. The larger buildings along the highway will create a buffer between our homes and the freeway and industrial uses on the other side. The development will make the community more active, vibrant, and safe, replacing dark, vacant land with people coming and going.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Geraldine S. Bell
Resident of Parkside Townhomes

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