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

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

Dear Mr. Hood and DC Zoning Commission Members:

My name is Ms. Alethea Felton, and I am a homeowner/resident in the Parkside Townhomes community and Secretary of the Parkside Civic Association. I write this letter with the utmost urgency and passion to advise District of Columbia Zoning Commission that I **support** the efforts of CityInterests, LLC in the development project at Parkside. I am aware, furthermore, that there are those residents who do **not** live in the Parkside community or in the direct vicinity of Parkside who oppose the efforts of CityInterests, LLC; but, I implore you to listen directly to the voice of immediate Parkside residents who will be affected directly by these positive improvements in our community.

I **support** the approval of these applications for the following reasons:

- 1) As a DC Public Schools educator, I encourage any development into my community that will contribute to the education of our children and adults alike. Therefore, the Community College of the District of Columbia (CCDC) will enhance the DC Promise Neighborhood Initiative (DCPNI).
- 2) The U.S. Department of Education is making an effort to set systems and funding in place for the success of DCPNI and a community college in Parkside along with Educare correlates directly with Mayor Gray's vision for education from birth through adulthood. Educational opportunities will prepare our children for professions in their future so that they will become productive, knowledgeable citizens.
- 3) With the proposed CCDC coming into Parkside, then such is a primary reason to include retail services in our community which we do not have currently. Such new retail services in the Parkside community will not only revitalize our community, but it will also promote cultural and socioeconomic diversity. Such ~~development will make Parkside a~~

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cultural hubbub and spotlight in Ward 7 and throughout the District of Columbia for all of the 21st century.

- 4) Parkside is an island in and of itself due to the I-295 barrier and with Ward 7 being labeled "East of the River" the CCDC and other proposed developments will attract visitors and new residents. Such liveliness in our community will spark the creation of future DC events for people to attend from miles around!
- 5) In conjunction with the development making Parkside a cultural, educational spotlight, such a development will make our community safer. Furthermore, I am not concerned about nor distract regarding the increased building height of the proposed projects. The new developments in the area will eventually increase property values for homeowners and will produce wealth in the community over the years.

Again, I urge you to move forward confidently and assuredly regarding the CityInterests, LLC projects in the Parkside community. We live in 2011 and improvements in our community at this time are much needed and desired despite the opposition from a handful of people who do NOT live in Parkside. We must fight back positively against such oppositions and think about what is best for our community, for our city, and for our nation at-large. We must be leaders in making the right decisions for citizens, and saying YES to the CityInterests, LLC proposals is the wisest choice. Thank you sincerely for your considering my support of these projects.

Respectfully yours,

Ms. Alethea Felton

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