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

To the Honorable Chairman Hood:

I am a resident of the District of Columbia's Parkside neighborhood. I have lived in this community since 2007 and I am a regular participant, planner and volunteer in many area initiatives. Currently, I am an officer of both existing neighborhood associations: **The Parkside Homeowners Association**, as well as **The Parkside Civic Association**, et al.

It has come to my attention that on many occasions, representatives of other communities, in some cases far removed, have offered to speak on behalf of the Parkside neighborhood. When entertaining the testimony of *extra-community residents*, I would implore the court to bear the following in mind: *I may be my brother's keeper, but I am not his father. I cannot make decisions for him, for his mortgage, nor his children.*

I am writing to today in support of our commissioner, on behalf of this community. I would therefore like to make our community position clear. Parkside supports the efforts of CityInterests, LLC to bring to our backyard a healthcare clinic, a University of DC "extension", and commercial office/retail space.

While CityInterests, LLC ought not consider this a blank check, as we expect issues of noise, dust, traffic, etc. to receive deliberate mitigation -- or even compensation -- for the existing home owners. Still, I find it troubling to know that neighbors nearly a mile away feel cause to participate (interfere?) in this process.

If you feel they have legitimate concerns to share, I leave that to your discretion. However, I would ask that you consult a map when determining the level to which reasonable objections are being made on behalf of my community from those who do not reside here.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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