

Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20001

RE: Mid-Atlantic Realty Partners – Zoning Case 16-14D

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

On behalf of the NoMa BID, I am writing to provide a general statement of support for additional development at Washington Gateway II, consistent with that being proposed through zoning case number 16-14D.

Washington Gateway II will join the existing residential building, Elevation, at the corner of Florida Avenue, NE and 2nd Street, NE. It will add to the vibrancy and activation of Florida Avenue, NE and the NoMa neighborhood.

We support the density, affordable housing and ground floor retail that the proposed PUD will bring to the neighborhood. Additionally, we support the project's added bicycle infrastructure and attention to the Metropolitan Branch Trail. The proposed PUD modification will provide an open and accessible connection to the Trail through its bike lobby. It will also bring eyes on the Trail through the placement of ground-floor stoop units facing the Trail and its second-story gym, abutting the Trail. The details of the design of this project will have a positive impact on the safety and accessibility of the Trail.

Sincerely,



Robin-Eve Jasper, President
NoMa Business Improvement District