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To Whom It May Concern:

The Trinidad Neighborhood Association welcomes the new Gateway Market & Residences, as proposed by EDENS and support the approval of the planned unit development extension and modification of Zoning Commission Case Nos. 06-40B and 06-40C, which are currently in front of the Zoning Commission. EDENS presented their plan to the Trinidad community at our June general meeting and was well received by residents.

This property has long been waiting for development with a history of promises unfulfilled. TNA believes EDENS can deliver a development that will add value to the greater area, with housing and retail that will serve both new and existing residents. Moreover, EDENS' willingness to come before the community with their intentions and listen to concerns is commendable.

The 45-acre Florida Avenue Market is vibrant during the day, bustling with activity at the wholesale market, yet desolate at night. The Gateway Market & Residences will draw more people to the area, for longer hours throughout the day. With more eyes on the street, particularly residents invested in the safety of the area, the Market will become more hospitable and welcoming.

EDENS' restored Union Market, on the north side of the larger market parcel, has renewed interest in the area and draws in large crowds to patronize local businesses. The Gateway project will continue this trend and provide more support for other local businesses in the area. In addition, the new development will bring job opportunities for District residents and affordable housing options.

On behalf of the Trinidad Neighborhood Association,


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