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Re: Request For an Expedited Review of Z.C. Case No. 07-14A-Map Amendment at
Squares 3848 & 3854

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing to express my support for the requested zoning map amendment and for the requested expedited hearing and action on the above-referenced application. The requested rezoning of the property to C-2-B is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and would allow retail and residential uses to be constructed on the site.

In particular, the proposed rezoning will permit the construction of a low-income and affordable senior citizen housing project of approximately 33 units on a portion of the property included in the rezoning application. Funding for this project will be provided in large part by loans from DHCD. In order to meet loan commitment deadlines and schedules, the new zoning must be in place by the end of September. My office fully supports this proposed project since it will help bring much-needed new housing to the District.

The re-zoning application is a step in the right direction to continue improving the vitality of the Rhode Island Avenue Metro station area, as envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan. The benefits that will flow from the requested zoning map modification, including the construction of the new senior housing, are significant. Accordingly, we should do all we can to facilitate this process in a timely, efficient manner. To this end, I respectfully request that the Zoning Commission process the zoning map amendment application on an expedited basis, and ultimately grant the requested rezoning requested pursuant to Zoning Commission case number 07-14A.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

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District of Columbia

CASE NO.

07-14A

EXHIBIT NO.

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