



**Government of the District of Columbia**

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District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Room 210S  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: O Street Market – PUD Application No. 07-26

Dear Members of the Commission:

It is my understanding that you will be considering a set down action for the above-referenced project at your November 19 public meeting. I cannot stress to you the importance of this project to the District's redevelopment initiatives north of the Convention Center.

This neighborhood has been inadequately served for an extended period of time in its redevelopment options and has not seen the redevelopment potential which was hoped for the area north of the new Convention Center. This project, which has the support of the community and the administration, is extremely important and it is equally important that the project move forward for a public hearing at this time. In fact, the Comprehensive Plan, with the support of this office, the Ward Councilmember and the City Council, was specifically amended to permit and encourage this project to move forward. Moreover, the height, FAR and uses on this site have been fully vetted with the community, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, the Office of Planning, the Historic Preservation Review Board and Mayor's Agent. The project also furthers, and is consistent with, the Small Area Plan for this community.

Since this project, including its height, FAR and uses, is consistent with all recent planning initiatives for this area, and has gone through an extensive community and District agency review and vetting process, we hope that the Zoning Commission sets this case down for a public hearing in order to implement the comprehensive planning initiatives for this site.

We look forward to your favorable action on this extremely significant development.

Sincerely,

Neil O. Albert  
Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development