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Anthony Hood
Chairman
DC Zoning Commission
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Dear Chairman Hood:

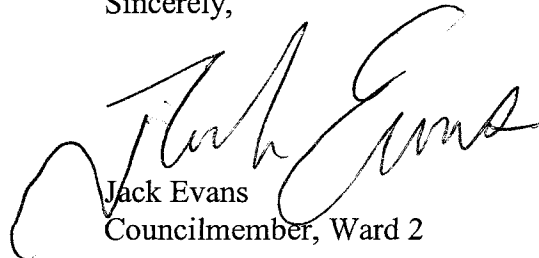
I write in support of Rhodeside Development's project for the renovation of the O Street Market. The O Street Market has been vacant and quite literally falling down for years. The proposed project, which not only has my support but phenomenal support in the community, is the best chance we have of turning around these critical neighborhood commercial blocks and creating a living, breathing retail heart to the Shaw neighborhood.

As you know, the project would rehabilitate an historic building, bring to the neighborhood a state of the art grocery store, neighborhood serving retail, affordable housing for senior citizens, market rate housing and a hotel. Given the problems we have had for years at the corner of 7th and O Streets, NW: gang activity, crime and drug dealing, it would seem obvious this project must move forward. I am calling upon you and the Zoning Commission to not further delay this project. I beseech you to reconsider your decision and approve this project as proposed.

I appreciate your time and attention to this important request for the Shaw community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 724-8058.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

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