

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D
SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 5D01**

COMMISSIONER PETA-GAY LEWIS



Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW
Room 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Industrial Land Use Study

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

During the past 11 months, I have been working as a member of the Industrial Land Use Study Task Force, which has been involved with the Industrial Zoning Study sponsored by the Office of Planning.

During this time period, in my work within the Ivy City, Trinidad Neighborhoods, we have seen significant interest and opportunities concerning industrially zoned properties, which can help and transform our neighborhoods and lift them up for all the residents. One example of this is the Mom's Organic Market, which is going in next door to the old Hecht Company warehouse site and opening in the spring of 2014. There are also other retailers beneficial to the community going into that project. In conjunction with that redevelopment, we worked with the developer, who, with the support and encouragement of the Office of Planning, designed the upper floors of a parking structure such that they could be converted to residential use over a period time.

We now understand that the conversion to residential use on portions of the site, particularly the upper floors of the existing old Hecht Company warehouse, could occur much faster than any of us could have hoped or dreamed.

We now are finding out that the Office of Planning study is being directed in such a fashion that this may not be able to occur and that the District would attempt to mandate that residential not be able to be put on sites such as this. This is a tremendous disservice to the Ivy City/Trinidad community, which has waited decades for economic revitalization, job creation, and additional residents so that we may get the services that other areas of the city enjoy.

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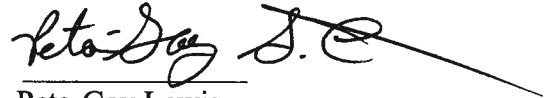
In order to build up our community, we need new exciting and vibrant development, not the storage of abandoned buses space, and not warehouses, and other facilities that the District has in proximity to our neighborhood.

We recognize the need of the District to have places where these types of uses can go and there are many places in our broader community which are much better suited for these uses such as near West Virginia Avenue and north of New York Avenue, N.E. and other areas.

We want new development taking place on underutilized land in our community of which there is abundance in close proximity to our community and major transportation corridors such as New York Avenue.

We are depending upon the city to protect us and further our aspirations, just as it does for other communities throughout the city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peta-Gay Lewis', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peta-Gay Lewis

Commissioner, SMD 5D01