

December 3, 2014

D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Z. C. Case No. 0807A
2255 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20020

Dear Zoning Commission Members:

I am writing in support of the above referenced application. I have lived at 1334 U Street, SE for 28 years. My wife and I have raised our children here and we intend our home to be in our family for generations to come. I appreciate the seriousness with which you consider zoning applications, especially for Historic Anacostia and the nearby environs. As far as the proposed six-story, 71 unit residential building with 80 percent of the units dedicated to affordable housing, I see this as a reasonable way for the Zoning Commission to ensure that the long overdue increase in home values in Historic Anacostia does not result in the wholesale displacement of longtime residents.

We need a reasonable number of affordable housing units in all D.C. neighborhoods. All income levels should be able to live in proximity and benefit each other as neighbors, employers and employees. My support for this application is about balancing the scales, not about blindly giving carte blanche to developers. We are a neighborhood of mostly single family homes, churches, schools and small business owners all doing our best to create a friendly, safe community for everyone and we need you to be wise and thoughtful in your zoning decisions.

Thank you for considering my views on this application.

Sincerely



Curt Ashburn