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Neil O. Albert
Deputy Mayor for Planning and
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January 23, 2009

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 200-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Akridge's Half Street Project
Zoning Commission Case No. 08-30

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Dear Members of the Commission:

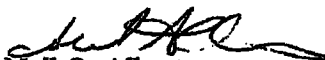
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In addition, the proposed design appears to successfully accomplish the goals of the Capitol Gateway Overlay District in creating an active, pedestrian-oriented Half Street with vibrant ground floor uses.

We ask that the Zoning Commission review and approve this project as quickly as possible so that Akridge can move forward expeditiously with permitting and construction.

Thank you for your attention to and consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,


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