

June 16, 2020

Anthony Hood, Chairman  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
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**Re: Z.C. Case 09-03F – Skyland Holdings LLC Application for a Modification of Significance to an Approved Planned Unit Development (“PUD”)**

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

The Skyland Task Force is submitting this letter to express our strong support for the Modification to the approved PUD at Skyland Town Center. The Skyland Task Force has existed since the initial PUD case was approved to help coordinate communication among the community, the ANCs, and the applicant. We have been meeting regularly with these groups for years and have greatly appreciated the applicant’s willingness to make the Skyland Task Force an important player in the development of the Skyland Town Center.

The Skyland Task Force strongly supports this modification application and thinks that it is entirely consistent with the town center project that was initially proposed and approved for the site. Specifically, we support:

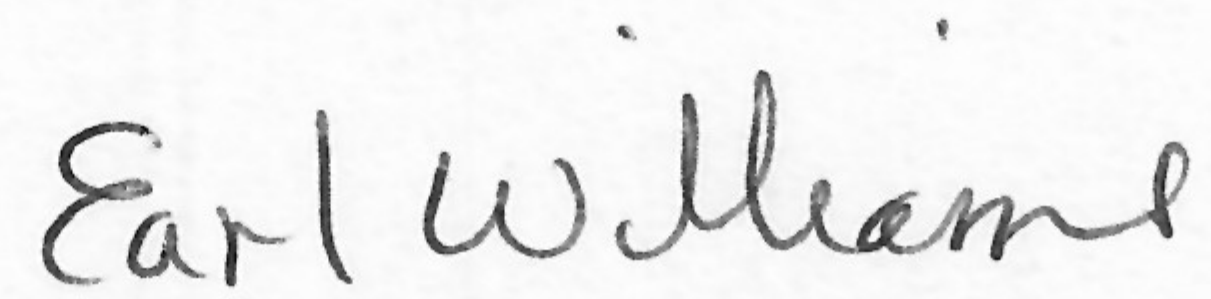
- the addition of the Lidl grocery store and the location of the landscaped surface parking lot that will provide easy and convenient access for residents of the community (who are likely to drive to get groceries) to park and access the grocery store;
- the Starbucks coffee shop with a vehicular drive-through and a walk-up window;
- the additional retail on Town Center Drive;
- the new Medical Office Building which will bring vital and easily accessible health services to our neighborhood; and
- the significant landscaping and tree planting proposed by the project.

The Skyland Task Force also appreciates the benefits and amenities that have already been provided by the development of the Skyland Town Center, including transportation infrastructure improvements, job training and employment programs at the Skyland Workforce Center, and financial contributions to local schools, libraries, and community events and programs. The Skyland Task Force supports the applicant’s proposal to reallocate the remaining benefits and amenities requirements to the Skyland Workforce Center.

In conclusion, the Skyland Task Force strongly recommends that the Zoning Commission approve this modification application and requests that the Commission do so as soon as possible so that this long-awaited project can be completed and our community can fully

receive the benefits that this project will bring. Thank you for your attention to this letter. We look forward to participating in the public hearing on July 23, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earl Williams".

Earl Williams

Chair, Skyland Town Center Taskforce