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Anthony J. Hood, Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, N.W., Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

This letter is in response to a request by the D.C. Zoning Commission (“Commission”), along with the attorney for CG Marketplace, LLC, to provide documentation of the organizations we represented before the Commission during its June 20, 2013, hearing in Case No. 12-16. As a threshold matter, I signed-up to testify on behalf of the Law Office of G. Macy Nelson, LLC (“Firm”), where I am employed. I testified on the Firm’s behalf because, prior to signing-up to testify, the Secretary of the Zoning Commission indicated to me that where, as here, my Firm represents multiple parties that have taken a position in this case, I am permitted to testify on behalf of the Firm.

My Firm represented two organizations before the Zoning Commission: (1) Forward 7 and (2) the Joint Labor and Management Fund (“JLM”). Information regarding Forward 7 is attached herein as Exhibit A. With respect to the JLM, it is an organization located at 4301 Garden Drive, Suite 201, Landover, Maryland 20785.

Very truly yours,



Michael Kroopnick

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Enclosure

cc: Kyrus L. Freeman, Esq.

FORWARD7

Mission: The mission of FORWARD7 is to reach and educate citizens of Ward7 concerning issues (political, educational, employment, economic development, health and social services) that effect their quality of life. FORWARD7 focus is to insure that citizens are aware of the issues both positive and negative and to advocate on behalf of the citizens when necessary.

We are: A volunteer group.

1. Clergy (pastor's and associate ministers), a non-denominational group, non-partisan group from all sections of Ward7. These clergy live in Ward7 or serve as pastor's or associate ministers of Ward7 churches. Other citizens of the Ward also are welcome also to meet and volunteer with the group.
2. We are concerned about the quality of life of the citizens of Ward 7, as it relates to local governmental leadership, economic development, education, employment, health issues and the delivery of other human and social services.
3. We are concerned about the future of the Church in Ward 7 as it relates to economic development. Our questions are with future development when it comes to locations, what are the plans for specific areas with future development. Will there be parking problems or imminent domain issues? What if any communication is there with Ward 7 churches from elected and appointed government officials (ANC's, Civic Associations and Councilpersons office.

We will:

1. Conduct community meetings.
2. Work with other community organizations.
3. Advocate for the citizens of Ward 7.
4. Support media campaigns as needed.
5. Support candidate forums during ward and city wide elections.

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