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Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: **Support for Zoning Commission Case No. 13-09 – Commons at Stanton Square
– Community Service Center and Residential Project**

Dear Chairman Hood:

As Chief Executive Officer of Bread for the City (Bread), I offer this letter of support for the Commons at Stanton Square project a joint effort of Horning Brothers, Horning Family Fund, Martha's Table, and Community of Hope. Since 2002, BFC has worked extensively with the Ward 8 community to alleviate the problems caused by poverty and rectify the conditions that perpetuate it.

Recently, the Bread Board of Directors identified the affordable housing crisis in DC as an issue our agency will try to address. We are pleased that The Horning Family Fund has chosen to develop 120 units of affordable apartment units as a part of the Stanton Square development. The need for affordable housing in this city is great, and the units proposed by the Horning Family Fund can help rent-burdened DC residents afford to stay in this city. Though we realize that the current proposal only calls for 10% of the units being for residents with incomes at-or-below 30% of the area median income, we hope that future Horning developments will include a much larger number of units at that income level. Perhaps it is not too late to even consider increasing that number in this development.

In addition to providing much-needed affordable housing, Bread believes that "The Commons", the community service portion of the project, with its collaboration of nonprofit partners will be both a welcomed addition and asset to the community. Programs such as early childhood education, afterschool services, permanent supportive housing, nutrition, behavioral health services, and job counseling will help to address the disparities of opportunities for children and their families.

Bread would like to recognize the long-standing commitment the representatives of Stanton Square, LLC have to the families across Ward 8. Since 1990, numerous investments in community-based organizations have been made to assist with addressing the varied needs of residents. Bread for the City believes the Stanton Square project is a continuation of their commitment to strengthening the lives of children and their families.

For these reasons, Bread for the City strongly supports the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment application of Stanton Square, LLC. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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CEO, Bread for the City



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