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VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW
Suite 210-S
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:

The Anacostia Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) was organized in 1969, and has been an active Ward 8 not-for-profit organization for over forty-six years, committed to improving the quality-of-life circumstances for District residents. Over the past several months, the AEDC has met with representatives of Stanton Square, LLC to discuss the program elements of the Commons at Stanton Square community service center and residential project. AEDC has made the commitment to participate as a team member with Stanton Square, LLC in the development of this worthwhile project. As such, AEDC is in support of the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment application.

AEDC believes that the 162 unit residential component of the project, which includes approximately 120 residential units included in 3 multi-family buildings and 42 townhouses, provides the proper mix of rental and for-sale housing with affordable and market-rate units. AEDC also supports the community services' elements of the project, the Commons, and the positive impacts it will have in providing a wide variety of benefits and services to the residents of our community.

The Commons will include a facility that will be occupied by Martha's Table to provide early childhood programming, nutrition and wellness services, and after-school programming. The Commons will also provide space for Community of Hope to provide employment and behavioral services counseling.

AEDC commends the applicant for its outreach to the community and its responsiveness to our comments regarding the project. AEDC acknowledges the applicant, and its development team members, for their commitment to serving the needs of residents of Ward 8 in the past, and continuing into the future as part of this project. To this end, AEDC looks forward to working with the Stanton Square, LLC development team, in a wide variety of areas to bring this most important project to fruition.

AEDC strongly supports the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment application of Stanton Square, LLC. Thank you for your consideration of our comments on this application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stanley Jackson', written over a horizontal line.

Stanley Jackson
President & CEO