



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Lucy E. Moten Elementary School

Mireille Lopez Humes, Principal

December 15, 2015

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:

On behalf of Moten ES, I am pleased to submit this letter of enthusiastic support for the proposed Commons at Stanton Square project. Our students and families have benefitted greatly from our partnership with Martha's Table and we are looking forward to welcoming them as our new neighbors in Ward 8.

As part of its Healthy Eating programming, Martha's Table operates free pop-up grocery markets in elementary schools with the goal of reducing hunger and increasing access to and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables. At these monthly Joyful Food Markets, families are provided with approximately 23 pounds of non-perishable groceries and fresh produce per enrolled child. Moten has been proud to host a monthly market since August 2014, and our families have benefited tremendously as a result.

We are in full support of Martha's Table's plans to expand the Joyful Food Market program to every public and charter elementary school in Wards 7 & 8 by 2018, and we believe that the relocation of their headquarters to the Commons will underscore their genuine commitment to the children and families in our communities. We look forward to our continued partnership with Martha's Table and the increased benefit that their relocation will undoubtedly have on our students, families, and Ward.

For these reasons, Moten strongly supports the Commons at Stanton Square project. Thank you for your attention to our comments on this application.

Sincerely,

Sarah A. Hawley
Assistant Principal