

UNITED PLANNING ORGANIZATION

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY for WASHINGTON, DC

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The Washington Business Group
Dinesh K. Sharma, President / CEO
2759 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE - Suite 301
Washington, DC 20032

Dear Mr. Sharma:

We are writing to enthusiastically support the development of the Wheeler Renaissance Project located in the Congress Heights section of Ward 8, by the Washington Business Group.

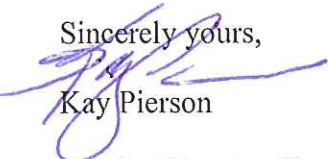
The project provides truly affordable housing, with beautifully designed units and luxury amenities to the clientele served by UPO. In addition, the Washington Business Group has been transparent and open to suggestion throughout the approval process. They have effectively addressed all community and governmental comments, which has led to the remarkable achievement of 85-100% family affordable units.

Mr. Dinesh and his team have effectively reached out to community groups along with members of the Ward 8 community to create a development that will be a true asset to the community. The United Planning Organization has been invited to provide workforce training and housing counseling services. Specifically, we are interested in helping to train potential workers in construction and building management, to enable low income residents to retain positions that pay a good wage, while being a benefit to the development. Our housing counselors will help coming residents qualify for and retain their residence with high quality financial education and one-on-one following counseling.

This project is a great beacon in the Congress Heights community, including the surrounding neighborhoods within Ward 8. It serves as a shining example which can be duplicated throughout the Ward 8 community.

Finally, the Wheeler Renaissance to start construction and bring about a real change for the better of the community with the 100% affordable housing, jobs and job training, as well as the new small business opportunities that will be generated with this project.

Sincerely yours,


Kay Pierson

Interim Director, Community Reinvestment Division

