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Mr. Anthony J. Hood, Chairman D C Zoning Commission D.C. Office of Zoning 441 Fourth Street N.W., Suite 210S Washington, D.C 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 14-12, 1309-1329 5th Street N.E

Dear Chairman Hood and Zoning Commissioners:

My name is Martin Kaufman and I have managed or owned a business in this market since 1978 Edens has transformed this market from a rat infested dirty market to the model market it is now As a small business owner, Edens has provided the space, marketing and intangibles to create a successful business. Edens has gone above and beyond what a landlord has to do for a tenant.

The plan that Edens is presenting will bring many more people into the area as a destination location. As a small business owner, I can only look forward to the time this transformation takes place. Edens has proved to be a good landlord, as well as a company that cares about the surrounding community. In the Union Market, Edens has reached out to the community in education of the kids as well as other charities.

Please consider our plea to accept Edens' plan to create a strong community in N.E. D.C.

Thank you for hearing our words.

Martin W Kaufman

owner

Harvey's Market in the Union Market