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

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

Dear Chairman Hood and Zoning Commissioners

As the Ward 5 Councilmember, I am writing to express my support of EDENS' development at Union Market I have had the opportunity to meet with the Applicant on numerous occasions and believe that this project could be the necessary catalyst towards the execution of the overall vision and plans for the broader Union Market District The development being presented before you is an important one not only for Ward 5, but for the entire District of Columbia.

The Angelika project achieves the objectives of the District and the goals as outlined in the Small Area Plan and provides benefits to the community, including open space, preservation, mixed-income housing, jobs, an increased tax base and the opening of the only full screen movie theater in Ward 5. The ward needs these jobs, the retail, more public space, as well as the opportunities and amenities provided by this project for our families and children.

As you know, I have been an author, advocate, and champion of the Ward 5 Industrial Land Transformation Study, which seeks to manage the transformation of industrial land, much of which is located in Ward 5, in a responsible and inclusive manner This is a wonderful opportunity for the ward to institute many of the task force's recommendations to spark development, all the while preserving the building and character and the existing uses, many of which have been a mainstay in the community for past decades.

The Applicant has received unanimous support from ANC 5D, as well as enthusiastic support from community residents and vendors in Union Market I was just at the Market a few weeks prior and as Councilmember for Ward 5, I am proud to be part of what I believe can be one of the most transformative and community-oriented development projects in the District Please let me know if there is any assistance my office can provide to further these efforts.

Regards,  
  
Kenyan R. McDuffie