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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D
Single Member District 5D07

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December 25, 2014

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:

As the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District 5D07, I am writing to express that I in collaboration with respective constituents, wholeheartedly support the development project of EAJ 1309 5th Street, LLC at 1309-1329 5th Street NE and the approval of Z.C. Case No. 14-12.

Heretofore, the developer, EDENS has continually kept channels of communications open with myself, fellow commissioners and other community leaders throughout the Trinidad community regarding their existing program initiatives, developmental projects and future endeavors. Moreover, Single Member District 5D-07 has been extremely pleased with EDENS' outstanding and unfailing efforts to work collaboratively with community leaders throughout 5D and in particular, the Trinidad community at-large to ensure our participation throughout the decision-making process while addressing issues and concerns, raised by the community-at-large. We believe that the forthcoming projects for the Union Market District will continue to provide great improvements throughout the target area, employment opportunities and moreover, a positive impact on Trinidad, Ward 5 and other community wards throughout the District of Columbia.

On December 12, 2014, EDENS in collaboration with other respective partners, facilitated an outstanding presentation regarding the 1309-1329 5th Street NE Project at our ANC 5D community meeting..... **at which time all five commissioners in attendance voted unanimously in support of previously stated Project.** This particular community meeting was attended very well by constituents and community leaders who appeared extremely excited about the forthcoming plans for Union Market. Specifically, the ANC and community expressed belief that the project's benefits and

amenities package was significant and sufficient for the density and height requested through the PUD. In addition, the community believes that the building design – including its height and density – is appropriate for this location and this part of the City.

The 1309-1329 5th Street NE Development Proposal entails building on top of the aforementioned developer's existing project, Union Market. This Market has reestablished the neighborhood as a destination to local and City-wide residents alike, provides needed retail offerings and jobs to the community, and has given many local entrepreneurs an opportunity to launch and grow their businesses. We look forward to this and the other new projects that EDENS would like to facilitate in the Union Market District.

In closing, it is strongly recommended that the Zoning Commission approves Z.C. Case No. 14-12 and the associated developmental plans of EAJ 1309 5th Street, LLC. Without any reservations, it is the belief of Single Member District 5D-07 and other Trinidad residents that EDENS in collaboration with other respective business partners, will continue laborious efforts to improve Union Market. Moreover, it is the belief of Single Member District 5D-07 and other Trinidad residents that EDENS will continue providing support, assistance and other resources as necessary in the planning, development, implementation and coordination of community program initiatives and other projects, spearheaded by current and future community leaders and constituents to enhance the quality of life for residents in the Trinidad community-at-large while making our single member districts the very best in the District of Columbia to live, work, visit and shop. Their working relationship heretofore with Single Member District 5D-07 and other single member districts in Trinidad has been impeccable and beyond reproach.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David L. Hooper', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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