

**SUPPORT CASE #14-18A**

**ZONING COMMISSION HEARING ON February 23, 2017 AT 6:30PM**

My name is Adelle Harris; and I am a homeowner in the Langdon Park neighborhood. I reside at 2840 Belair Place NE. I would like to express my **strong** support for the MidCity Development Project's Stage 2 plan. I am submitting this letter of support to be considered at the Zoning Commission Public Hearing on February 23, 2017.

I believe these plans will directly impact the surrounding areas, including Langdon Park, by offering more vibrant, walkable, and inclusive space than what currently exists. As new homeowners in the area, we purchased a home in Langdon Park because of the location to the park, the metro, and the highway. We were excited to see Ivy City stores change the landscape of that area; and we were hoping development along Rhode Island Avenue would spark a much needed change to our own neighborhood. We frequent the restaurants, markets, library, and parks in our area in support of local businesses; and in support of furthering a community our two young sons can enjoy as they grow. We also actively participate in community events in the area.

In speaking with other neighbors in Langdon Park and the neighborhood where MidCity is developing, homeowners are EXTREMELY excited to see NEW development in an area that was long forgotten. Our library is wonderfully vibrant with people, young and old mingling, reading, on the computer, etc. Our new restaurants are making a name for themselves in the city. Our Chuck Brown Park is host to a wonderful annual event that gets city-wide attention. How proud we will be as residents to have this facility offer housing to all in buildings that are updating along with the rest of the area. We deserve this as a community and tax payers.

The old buildings were an eye-sore and a problem for the police; and I am ashamed to see them. The rest of the businesses and homes in the area are rapidly updating to keep up with demand. Brookland Manor should be doing the same. I have lived in a major US city for over 25 years. When moving to DC, I was thrilled to purchase a home where the area was walkable, making my commute to work easy and time with my family more enjoyable. However, there's 20 acres of land between my home and the metro I would never walk through with or without my children (Brookland Manor). MidCity is making a huge leap in the right direction; and they are building property we homeowners love to see. I greatly appreciate their efforts and I look forward to the finished product.

I 100% support Case #14-18A for MidCity's Phase 2, so PLEASE approve this Phase and help Rhode Island Avenue continue to mature and blossom!

Thank you



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