

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to voice support for the second-stage review application filed by Mid-City Financial Corporation, Brentwood Associates Limited Partnership, and MCF Brentwood SC, LLC (the Applicants) for RIA Block 7's second-stage review (case 14-18A). I own/occupy a detached home located approximately half a mile from the RIA site, at 1923 Rhode Island Ave. NE.

I believe the RIA development immensely benefits the neighborhood and city. The architectural style and layout of the Brookland Manor apartment complex and Brentwood Village shopping center are inconsistent with our broader need for denser, more walkable built environments and more socioeconomically integrated communities. The RIA development, as approved in the first stage, is a great improvement, and I appreciate the efforts of the Applicants to avoid displacement of existing residents as room is made for new neighbors in our growing city.

The area of town in question is a sensible place to add retail and residential density, being in close proximity to the Rhode Island Avenue metro station, the Rhode Island Avenue and New York Avenue corridors, and the growing communities of Eckington, Edgewood, Brookland, Ivy City, Langdon, and Woodridge. I look forward to enjoying its amenities with my family, as well as appreciating it as a more connective intermediary between our house and points west as we frequently walk, bike, and bus in that direction.

Specifically with regard to second-stage application of Block 7, I support the plan as detailed. Deviations from the first-stage plan for Block 7 seem well thought-out and reflective of careful consideration for community concerns and the logistics of the overall project. Flexibility requested of the Zoning Commission appears reasonable, and I hope it's expediently granted.

Thanks for your time.

Very Respectfully,

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