



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Dear Chairman Hood and Interim Director Kayne:

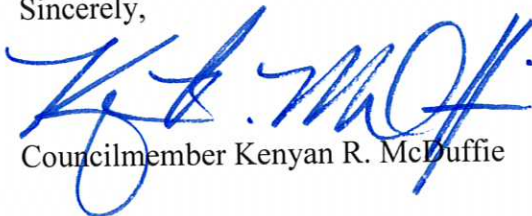
I reviewed the conceptual plans presented to me by 320 Florida Owner, LLC (Applicant) to improve the District of Columbia-owned land fronting Florida Avenue at Square 3585 Lot 806 with a public plaza, green space, and provisions for a potential future pedestrian pathway into Union Market. I am supportive of this proposed Public Benefit as part of the Planned Unit Development for the Highline at Union Market at 320 Florida Avenue, NE (Project), located adjacent to the government-owned land. I understand that the green space improvements would be part of a larger Public Benefits package to be proposed for the Project.

The proposed green space improvements will greatly contribute to the public safety and connectivity of the Union Market and NoMa neighborhoods in Wards 5 and 6, and will serve as a much needed improvement to the overgrown and unkempt District-owned land. The proposed potential future pedestrian connection into Union Market will further the goal of the Florida Avenue Market Small Area Plan to help "reestablish the grid" and integrate the Union Market district with the NoMa neighborhood and the NoMa/Gallaudet Metro Station.

I recommend that the Zoning Commission give great consideration to the proposed improvements to the District of Columbia-owned land as a Public Benefit for the Project.

I encourage the Department of General Services to collaborate with other relevant agencies and, if you find it acceptable, with the Applicant, to make this important community green space and pedestrian connection to Union Market a reality. Please let me know if there is any assistance my office can provide to further these efforts.

Sincerely,



Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie