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ANC 6C06 Commissioner

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

As the ANC Commissioner for 6C06, and representing ANC 6C, I would like to express our strong support for the proposed PUD at 320 Florida Avenue NE, case ZC 15-01.

ANC 6C is directly across the street from the Florida Avenue Market/Union Market area and also contains the closest current residents to this project. For decades residents in our neighborhood have shopped in the market, and this will continue as more higher density development is built here.

The proposed development is an attractive building that will provide housing close to the NoMa Metro station as well as significantly more retail than the current site provides. The recent changes from the original submission are very positive, including improving the accessibility of retail entrances and the park for wheelchairs and strollers.

The primary community benefit is that this project will build a small park in an area lacking in any sort of public gathering spaces. This park is the first piece of a planned pedestrian connection into the interior of the market area, fulfilling a major goal of the 2009 Office of Planning Small Area Plan. This connection is absolutely essential for the health, safety, and convenience of the future residents of this building, the surrounding community, and future retail patrons and visitors.

We urge the Commission to approve this project, while specifically allowing for a very high amount of flexibility in the design of the adjacent park as well as the rear yard of 320 Florida Avenue (particularly the Northwest portion) so that Level 2 can continue to refine their design in coordination with the adjacent developer to the North and other stakeholders to ensure a cohesive pathway into the market.

Thank you,

Tony Goodman, ANC 6C06 on behalf of ANC 6C