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Re: Z.C. Case No. 15-03

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to express our support of the Aria Development Group proposed project. The Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) manages the Rita Bright facility on behalf of the Department of Recreation. The Rita Bright site is located on 14th and Clifton, near the proposed project site at 1308 Clifton Street, Northwest.

I have met with the developer and have reviewed the proposed project plans. I appreciate that the project will be including affordable housing units which is of critical importance to our community. From the project designs I also appreciate that the architecture of the proposed building is high quality and will enhance the appearance of the block. The building's design will complement the other buildings in the neighborhood while having its own distinct style.

I want to commend the Aria Development Group for reaching out to the community based organizations in the surrounding neighborhood. They reached out to the LAYC youth with offers to support and enhance the work that we are doing with neighborhood children and youth. As a result the LAYC will be receiving new computers and chairs to be used at the Rita Bright site.

On behalf of the LAYC, we support the proposed project and recommend that the Zoning Commission approve it. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 202 319-8642.

Sincerely,

Lori Kaplan, President and CEO