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Good Afternoon Chairman Hood,

First, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

Please allow me to introduce myself, I am Almeta R. Keys, CEO of the Edward Mazique Parent Child Center, Inc. which operates 5 childcare centers across the District of Columbia with high quality services to low income children and families. We are proud to say that we share in the District's vision of improving the lives of children and families from the cradle to the career through economic development, affordable housing and safe neighborhoods. We are indeed an agency for change!

That said, I am writing to express our agency's support of the proposed Z.C. Case No. 15-03 project that we believe will in time, improve the living conditions of families we serve, and their neighbors.

Please see the attached letter for documentation of our formal letter of support. I am available for future discussions.

Thank you.

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*"Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the  
very purpose of life and not something you do in  
your spare time." -- Marian Wright Edelman*

*"To whom much is given,  
much is required"...*



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November 19, 2015

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

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to pledge Edward C. Mazique Parent Child Center, Inc.'s support for the proposed project. Mazique operates a high-quality, nationally accredited child care center that has served low-income families in the Clifton Street neighborhood for nearly 40 years. Our center is located directly across the street from the project site at 1308 Clifton Street. We also have two other centers in the general area.

We have met with the developer and have reviewed the proposed project plans. We believe that the developer has designed a project that will be compatible with the neighborhood and will be a benefit to our community. Mazique feels strongly that the architecture of the proposed building is of high quality and will enhance the appearance of the block. We believe the building's design will complement the other buildings in the neighborhood while having its own distinct style.

We commend the developer for the public amenities that it will provide as part of the project. In particular, additional affordable units and deeper levels of affordability will be a significant contribution to the community. Therefore, we ask the Zoning Commission to approve the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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