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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL
Chairman Anthony Hood
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Re: Letter in Support of Case No. 15-16

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

I am submitting this letter to express my support for the above-referenced application for the mixed-use development proposed at 4th and Rhode Island Avenue. I live at 315 Evarts Street NE and serve as Board President for the City Suites Condominium Association. We are very excited to see this underutilized shopping center become a vibrant and active development that contributes to the Edgewood community. I have attended several community meetings and have heard MRP's presentation on the proposal. I am particularly excited for the proposed retail uses, including the grocery store, gym and movie theater, and believe that those uses will serve the existing residents in this area as well as the new residents that will be living in this project.

The property is located at a major Metrorail station and I think residential and retail uses are appropriate for this site. One of the features of the project I find attractive are the connections MRP is proposing between its property and the property to the north. These connections will allow individuals to walk to the MBT or Metro in a much more direct way than they currently can. This is a significant time-saver for those who take Metro on a regular basis, including our residents.

The proposed project will be a vast improvement over existing conditions. MRP has actively solicited input from the community and I appreciate the work they have done to respond to the concerns that have been raised. I would ask the Commission to consider my support, as a resident of the Edgewood community, and approve this application.

Sincerely,



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