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Zoning Commission for The District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Sursum Corda Redevelopment

I regret that I cannot personally attend the zoning hearing for this evening relating to the proposed redevelopment of the Sursum Corda property, but I wanted to provide you with my comments concerning the proposed development.

As the former Hub Director for the Multifamily Housing Division of HUD, I have spent the last 10 years working with the Board of Sursum Corda and City officials to come up with a path that would preserve affordable housing on the site, and at the same time create a vibrant new community. Through numerous meetings, discussions, and administrations, we struggled to come up with a plan that would make it possible to achieve both the goals of affordable housing and redevelopment.

HUD has always been particularly interested in making sure that the current residents of Sursum Corda have the opportunity for relocation benefits, as well as the right to return to newly constructed units when the redevelopment of the site reaches completion. The planned unit development proposal that the Sursum Corda Board has filed with the Zoning Commission, with the support of Winn Development, accomplishes this goal.

I hope that you will grant the necessary approvals to this project so that it can proceed. If you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-294-9572 or maryann.x.henderson@hud.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann Henderson".

Mary Ann Henderson
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