

# Ward 8 Senior Community Development Committee

November 29, 2017

VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Anthony Hood  
Chairman  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Suite 210S  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: **Support for Zoning Commission Case No. 16-29 – Columbian Quarter – First-Stage Planned Unit Development**

Dear Chairman Hood:

On May 3, 2017, the Ward 8 Senior Community Development Committee received a presentation from representatives of Columbian Quarter Holdings regarding the proposed Columbian Quarter PUD project. In my role as the President of the Ward 8 Senior CDC, I am writing to express support of the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment application.

The Ward 8 Senior CDC believes that the residential portion of the project, which includes approximately 700-800 residential units included in two multi-family buildings, provides the proper mix of neighborhood serving retail and rental housing with both affordable and market-rate units directly adjacent to the new WMATA Anacostia Metro Station entrance plaza. Further, we believe the office portion, which includes approximately 1.6 million square feet within three buildings, provides tremendous economic opportunity for both construction and permanent office jobs.

The Ward 8 Senior CDC also strongly supports the benefits and amenities package for the project, and the positive impacts it will have on our community. The package will include infrastructure upgrades like the new Howard Road SE streetscape, enhanced WMATA Anacostia Metro Station entrance plaza, and other neighborhood transportation improvements. In addition, the package includes transit-based housing, greater affordable housing and neighborhood serving retail amenities, sustainability measures, and workforce development training, internship and apprenticeship opportunities that has been discussed with the broad community.

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Ward 8 Senior CDC commends the applicant for its outreach to the community and its responsiveness to comments that were raised about the project. The Ward 8 Senior CDC wants to recognize the applicant and its members for their commitment to serving the needs of residents of the Ward 8 Senior CDC community and Ward 8 as part of this project.

For these reasons, the Ward 8 Senior CDC strongly supports the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment application of Columbian Quarter Holdings. Thank you for your attention to our comments on this application.

Sincerely,

Mustafa Abdul-Salaam  
President