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**Re: Support for Modification of Consequence to Design Review
Z.C. Case No. 17-05C, 2100 2nd Street, SW (Sq. 613, Lot 10)**

Dear Chairman Hood:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on April 13, 2020, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC 6D voted 6-0-0 to support the Modification of Consequence to Design Review for ZC Case No. 17-05A.

The RiverPoint project, at 2100 2nd Street SW, is proposing to use most of the commercial space on the V Street side of the building to for DC Central Kitchen (DCCK), which will allow DCCK to consolidate its entire training and service operation in one location at RiverPoint. Its main training and food preparation location currently is an outdated and physically inadequate space in the basement of the shelter for the homeless Shelter on D Street NW, from which it is eager to relocate.

DC Central Kitchen is a nationally acclaimed non-profit organization with a 31-year track record of high performance, innovation and service, providing training and placement of severely disadvantaged individuals with histories of incarceration, addiction and homelessness into culinary careers. It boasts an overall 87% placement rate, and in its Opportunity Youth program begun in 2019 for young adults disconnected from work and school, a 93% graduation rate and 91% placement rate. Over half of its own 175 full-time are DCCK graduates.

Its location in Buzzard Point offers other benefits to our community and the City. In addition to its overall record of success, its graduates can fill positions in the extraordinary concentration of hotels and restaurants that dominate the new

commercial space being created in the redevelopment of ANC 6D. While we have argued for more neighborhood-serving retail, particularly in Buzzard Point, which will have 1000-1500 residential units coming on line as early as this summer, DCCK offers a particular synergy between its leadership and their relationships with the hotel and restaurant owners in Buzzard Point, opening up positions for its graduates in the many restaurants and hotel space in the area. Finally, hosting a training program for deeply disadvantaged populations and integrating them into the community directly serves our interest in maintaining social diversity in our own community as massive redevelopment in Southwest and Near Southeast challenges that ideal.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D01@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

Sincerely,



Chair, ANC 6D
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