

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION SINGLE MEMBER  
DISTRICT 5D01



June 28, 2017

Anthony J. Hood, Chairman  
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 210S  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Hood,


As the Single Member District Commissioner for ANC 5D01, I am personally writing in support of 500 Penn St. LLC's (UDR & EDENS) PUD application to the Zoning Commission for the 500 Penn St NE Project. I encourage the Zoning Commission to set down the application for a hearing at its earliest opportunity.

The 500 Penn St NE project will continue the revitalization of Union Market by providing housing, retail and jobs to an area that is underserved. It will be a key step towards the implementation of the Florida Avenue Market Small Area Plan that will catalyze other projects to do the same. The project will provide job opportunities, much needed retail amenities and an activated, safer streetscape and pedestrian experience within ANC 5D. UDR and EDENS' vision for the property, as well as EDENS' vision for the broader neighborhood, will further bring new energy to Union Market and the surrounding community. The community is eager to see this project become a reality.

I have personally met with UDR and EDENS regarding this PUD four times, including two presentations of the project to my SMD on 6/6/17 and 6/27/17, and also to the full ANC 5D at its regularly scheduled and properly noticed monthly meeting on 6/13/17. UDR and EDENS have committed to continued dialogue with my SMD and the full ANC, and they will be returning to an upcoming ANC 5D monthly meeting to seek a vote for formal support of the project.

EDENS has worked well with our ANC on the PUD modification for the Gateway Market and Residences project (Edison), the 1270 4<sup>th</sup> St project (Shapiro), and the 1309 5<sup>th</sup> St project (Union Market), and has consistently involved the community on all of its projects at an early stage. I am looking forward to similarly working with them and UDR on this project.

On behalf of SMD 5D01,

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ANC Commissioner 5D01