

Exhibit A

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001
zcsubmissions@dc.gov

Re: Letter of Support for ZC Case No. 17-14 – Support for Project at 500 Penn Street N.E.

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

As a representative of Vasudav, Inc., an adjacent property owner, and its affiliates, Baywood Hotels, Inc. and NOMA Hospitality, LLC, located at 501 New York Avenue N.E., I write to express my support for the PUD and Map Amendment by UM 500 Penn Street NE LLC and UDR, Inc. related to Zoning Commission Case No. 17-14. Our southern property line is also the northern property line for 500 Penn Street, so our property is directly affected by the proposed project. Our property contains the Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites hotels that were constructed in 2015.

We are writing in support of the proposed project, and we are comfortable with the developer's request for relief from the rear yard requirement. We have reviewed the plans for the proposed project and have consulted with the developer about it. Overall, we believe that the project will be of high-quality and will further the goals of the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Plan and broader vision for the Union Market District.

Vasudav, Inc., and its affiliates, Baywood Hotels, Inc. and NOMA Hospitality, LLC support the Applicant's application, while the parties continue to work together through construction management and logistics items which will be subject to DDOT and other agency approvals.

Sincerely,

Vasudav, INC.

By: 

Name: Amit N. Patel
Title: President

NOMA HOSPITALITY, LLC

By: 

Name: Amit N. Patel
Title: Managing Member