GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance

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Mr. Anthony J. Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 Fourth Street N.W. Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Hood and Zoning Commissioners:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Gragg Cardona Partners, The Carding Group and Brick and Story (the "**Development Team**") related to their development of The Residences at Kenilworth Park Affordable Assisted Living Community Project (the "**Project**").

I have had an opportunity to meet with the Development Team and to be briefed on the size, scope and scale of the Project. I am acutely aware of the critical need for the services being offered through this Project. It combines apartment-style housing with personal care and supportive services, giving residents independence. Services include 3 meals per day, personal care, homemaking, laundry, medication supervision, transportation, social activities, and 24-hour staff to meet residents' needs.

Moreover, the efficacy is this Project is reflected in the fact that 11% of the District's senior households have annual income of less than $10,000 and 27% have income of less than $20,000. In my role as Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services and Director of the Department of Health Care Finance, I support the Mayor in coordinating a comprehensive system of benefits, goods and services across multiple agencies to ensure that children, youth, and adults, with and without disabilities, can lead healthy, meaningful and productive lives. This Project enables those objectives.

Finally, while there are 728 assisted living apartments in the District, only 33 units will accept Medicaid and there are NO assisted living apartments in Wards 7 or 8. I applaud the Development Team for meeting an unmet need.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Wayne Turnage

cc: Zoning Commissioners