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January 6, 2020

Anthony J. Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Letter in Support of Case 19-16, PUD Application for 1200 5th Street, NW submitted by MCF WALP Phase 1, LLC

Dear Chairman Hood:

I write to express my support for the Consolidated Planned Unit Development (PUD) Application for 1200 5th Street, NW, submitted by MCF WALP Phase 1, LLC (MidCity), and located within Ward 6. I join Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E, the commission that represents the immediately impacted neighbors of this proposed development, in support of this project.

As you know, the District has an ambitious and commendable goal of delivering 36,000 new units of housing by 2025. The proposed project would deliver 360 units – or 1% of the goal – by 2023. Just as important, this PUD would produce 41 newly dedicated affordable units where there are none today. These new affordable homes will serve individuals and families with incomes up to 50% and 60% of median family income.

The development team has committed to high-quality architecture and landscaping for the project, including a green roof and solar panels, replacing outdated buildings and a surface parking lot with a well-designed, energy-efficient, transit-oriented building.

The project site is within 0.2 miles of the Mt. Vernon Square Metro Station and Metrobus stops at 7th and M and N Streets NW, an ideal location for increased housing density. In sum, this transit-oriented development project will represent an important contribution toward meeting the city's affordable housing needs in a sustainable manner.

Thank you for considering these factors in your review of MidCity's application. Please make this letter a part of the official record for this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Allen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

cc: Commissioner Alex Marriot, Chair – ANC6E