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Anthony J. Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 200S
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Re: Letter in Support of PUD Application for 1200 5th Street, NW submitted by MCF WALP Phase 1, LLC

Dear Zoning Commission,

My name is Wanda Steptoe and I am the Executive Director of New Endeavors by Women (NEW), a Shaw-based nonprofit organization that transforms lives by providing housing, fostering the development of life skills, and promoting education and employment to end the cycle of homelessness.

I am writing to support MidCity's (MCF WALP Phase 1, LLC) Consolidated Planned Unit Development (PUD) Application for 1200 5th Street, NW. NEW is located within 200 feet of the development site.

As part of its PUD community benefits package, MidCity will purchase new computer lab equipment for our residents and provide general operating support for our organization. This support will allow us to continue our mission of providing permanent supportive and transitional housing to women, as well as education and employment services to women, children and families.

Importantly, MidCity's proposed project will bring 360 apartments to the Shaw neighborhood. Forty-one of these apartments will be new dedicated affordable units for individuals and families with income up to 50% and 60% of median family income. Providing new, permanently affordable units is an important community benefit that should warrant support for this PUD application.

The development team has been active in seeking community input and engaging with project neighbors, including our organization. I encourage the Commission to approve this PUD application.

Sincerely,

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