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July 26, 2020

Anthony J. Hood, Chair
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC 19-21 (Text Amendment Roof Top and Upper Floor Elements)

Dear Chairman Hood:

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) is the largest civic organization on Capitol Hill. For over 60 years CHRS has advocated for the welfare of the Capitol Hill community, including sound land use planning.

The residential zoning on Capitol Hill is RF. One proposed amendment concerning changes to roof top architectural elements would exempt proposed changes from Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) review when the modifications are subject to review by the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) or the Commission on Fine Arts. Right now both the BZA and HPRB pass judgment on changes such as to cornices. Now BZA will honor HPRB determinations. We believe that this change is helpful.

We understand that DC Preservation League will request that the Commission review BZA decisions on changes to rooftop architectural elements. We believe that this review would be beneficial.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Beth Purcell, President