



April 9, 2021

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 20-12

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

I submit this letter on behalf of the Southwest Business Improvement (SWBID) in support of Zoning Commission Case No. 20-12, as submitted by the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Westminster Community Partners, Bozzuto Development Company, and Bozzuto Homes Inc. for approval of a consolidated planned unit development ("PUD") and a related Zoning Map amendment for 400 I Street, SW (Square 499, Lot 52) (the "Site").

The SWBID is working towards a better, more beautiful Southwest D.C. by focusing on community cohesion, mobility solutions, and better parks and public space. Our goal is to create a vibrant, inviting neighborhood where people create and share remarkable urban experiences that inspire and revitalize.

Westminster has a long-standing reputation as a supporter of local artists and musicians, and we are especially enthusiastic about the elements of the Westminster plan that include space for working artists and community arts programming. In addition, we also applaud the project's delivery of a significant amount of new housing (including 123 units of affordable senior housing) and proposed improvements to the public space immediately adjacent to the Site on I Street, S.W. and Makemie Place, S.W.

Working with the Southwest Community Foundation and with input from the community, the SWBID has developed a new vision for a Town Center Park to be built on DC-owned property adjacent to the Westminster site. The proposed PUD complements, and does not detract from, the Town Center Park conceptual improvements. We look forward to coordinating with the development team as the SWBID continues our efforts to get components of the town center park vision plan approved by the District and ultimately implemented.

We respectfully request that the Zoning Commission approve this application.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Moore
Executive Director