

Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW - Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Letter in Support
Application for Design Review at 5 M Street, SW
Z.C. Case No. 20-14**

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

Boston

Los Angeles

New York

San Francisco

Washington, DC

On behalf of the owner of a portion of Capital Gallery, which is located at 600 Maryland Ave., SW, I am pleased to express my strong support for the above-referenced application to develop 5 M Street, SW with a new mixed-use building. The subject site has been severely underutilized for many years, and its redevelopment will bring vitality and positive momentum to the South Capitol and M Street corridors and the neighborhood in general.

I have discussed the project with the development team and believe that the project's proposed height and density are appropriate for the site given its location at a major mixed-use intersection and considering the complementary uses in the surrounding neighborhood. The building will enhance the South Capitol Street corridor in accordance with that goal for this area, and the developer has gone to great lengths to provide high quality materials and articulated façade details that will together create an attractive new building along all street frontages.

Based on the foregoing, I believe that redevelopment of this site as proposed will have a positive impact on the surrounding community and I encourage the Commission to approve this important project.

Sincerely,



Peter V. Otteni

SVP – Development, Boston Properties