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January 7, 2021

Anthony Hood, Chairperson
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW S200
Washington, DC 20001

RE: ZC Case No. 20-14, 5 M Street Design Review

Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

Following efforts by the Applicant to work more closely with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D to address the community's concerns regarding the number of affordable units and the design of this project, I write to withdraw my letter of opposition in the above-referenced case dated October 1, 2020.

Since the review of this case in October 2020, the Applicant has publicly stated that it will increase the number of affordable units in this project to provide 19 units at a deeper level of affordability for the life of the project and would meet the following additional development standards that are required for IZ affordable units: (i) ensuring that the proportion of studio and one-bedroom Non-IZ Affordable Units does not exceed the proportion of studio and one-bedroom market rate units; (ii) providing comparable exterior design, materials and finishes; (iii) providing comparable interior amenities such as finishes and appliances; (iv) ensuring that the Non-IZ Affordable Units are not overly concentrated on any floor of the project; and (v) ensuring that none of the Non-IZ Affordable Units are located in cellar space.

I am appreciative of the work of the community, ANC 6D, and the Applicant to address community concerns, and look forward to seeing more affordable housing become available in the Southwest neighborhood of Ward 6.

Thank you for considering my comments in your review of ZC Case No. 20-14. Please make this letter part of the official record for this case.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO.20-14
EXHIBIT NO.62