November 21, 2020

Hon. Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Hon. Anthony Hood
Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Support for D.C. Council and D.C. Zoning Commission Approvals Necessary for Redevelopment of Barry Farm
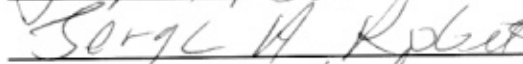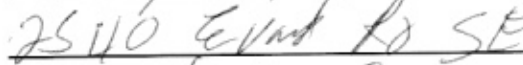
Dear Chairman Mendelson, Chairman Hood, and Fellow Councilmembers and Zoning Commissioners:

As a prior Barry Farm resident, I am writing to lend my unwavering support for redevelopment of the Barry Farm site, and the approvals necessary from your respective bodies for the redevelopment to move forward.

The redevelopment of Barry Farm has been long overdue and delayed, and it's critical that the City take the necessary steps so that this important project can move forward as expeditiously as possible. I support the Council's approval of the proposed construction of new streets and alleys, as such physical improvements will help to improve and integrate the Barry Farm site into the larger community and improve circulation. I also support the map amendment (Z.C. Case No. 20-24) and the text amendment (Z.C. Case No. 20-21) currently pending before the Zoning Commission, as these actions will enable the Barry Farm site to be developed in accordance with the Council-approved 2006 Barry Farm Small Area Plan. The District, DCHA, and the Developer have made a concerted effort to connect with Barry Farm residents and the surrounding community through outreach efforts (both in-person and virtual), newsletters, phone and text outreach to make sure we are informed and able to ask questions about the process.

Again, I fully support and look forward to seeing the Barry Farm site being redeveloped as soon as possible in order to bring the Barry Farm residents back to a vibrant community, and I urge you and your fellow Councilmembers and Zoning Commissioners to grant the approvals necessary for this important project to move forward.

Sincerely,

_____ (Signature)

_____ (Name)

_____ (Address)

_____ (Phone/Email)