



December 4, 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:

On behalf of the Anacostia Business Improvement District, I am writing to lend 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 continue as expeditiously as possible. We 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. We 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. We also applaud the District, DCHA, and the Developer for their concerted effort to connect with Barry Farm residents and the surrounding community through concerted outreach efforts.

We 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 to move this project forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at any time. I am at your disposal.

Sincerely,

  
Kristina Noell  
Executive Director