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Tyrone Garrett, Executive Director

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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Attn: Members of the Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 20-21, Proposed Text Amendment

Dear Members of the Commission:

I submit this letter on behalf of the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) in support of the proposed text amendment to create a new zone for the former Barry Farm Wade Road Development (collectively, "Barry Farm"). Barry Farm is a New Community Initiative ("NCI") development, which will result in a vibrant mixed-income and mixed-use community that includes one-for-one replacement for former Barry Farm residents. DCHA is partnered with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development in the administration of this effort.

At its completion, the redevelopment of Barry Farm will provide more than 900 units of housing including 480 replacement units for former public housing residents, 108 senior apartments, and approximately 300 homeownership units. The revitalization of Barry Farm will also include neighborhood serving retail; a portion of which will be set aside for resident and community owned businesses. The creation of a new street grid will also provide better access to neighboring streets. The site will also include five historic landmarked buildings and other features that incorporate the Barry Farm legacy into the design.

The proposed zoning would permit the construction of new mixed-income housing and neighborhood serving retail allowing development of the site consistent with redevelopment goals of the Barry Farm Small Area Plan; which the community weighed in on and was then approved by Council. The adoption of the proposed text amendment is critical to support our ongoing efforts to begin construction and support Mayor Bowser's goal of preserving and expanding the number of affordable housing units in the District. The text amendment will maximize the use of the Barry Farm site, while serving the community, and most importantly, facilitate the return of residents to a new Barry Farm.

I appreciate your consideration of these comments and request that the Zoning Commission approve the text amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tyrone Garrett", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tyrone Garrett
Executive Director/CEO

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
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EXHIBIT NO.132