



The District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission SC 2730 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Chairman Anthony Hood
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Re: Letter in Support of Case No. 20-22: Map Amendment to NHR Zone

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting on November 4, 2020, with a quorum of 7 Commissioners virtually present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 8C voted 7-0 to support the above-referenced application for the Map Amendment to the Northern Howard Road (“NHR”) Zone District. The Commission is excited to see this property have the opportunity to be developed as part of the larger Columbian Quarter project.

The property is located directly adjacent to the Anacostia Metrorail Station and Parking Garage, and the increased density and mix of uses is appropriate for a transit site like this one. The Map Amendment’s guarantee of increased affordable housing and enhanced building design, including the Design Review process, are important and positive features of the application.

Furthermore, as part of the NHR Zone, the property will provide for increased density for more job, housing and neighborhood-serving retail opportunities.

I have appreciated the applicant's efforts to reach out to the community, keep us updated on the plans for the property, and work to develop a project that is beneficial for them and the community. This Map Amendment presents an exciting opportunity for development on a vacant property, and the Commission supports the application in full.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter.

Sincerely,

Mustafa Abdul-Salaam

**Mustafa Abdul-Salaam, Vice Chair
ANC 8C**