

January 28, 2022

Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Second Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Letter of Support – Application of Congress Park Community Partners, LLC  
for Approval of a Zoning Map Amendment for Portion of Lot 806 in Square 5914

Dear Members of the Commission:

We are pleased to write this letter in support of the Petition of Congress Park Community Partners, LLC in connection with its application for a Zoning Map Amendment for a Portion of Lot 806 in Square 5914 (the “Property”).

Since 2020, CPDC and its development team, has done significant outreach to the community regarding the potential development of the Property. Some of the outreach includes meeting with ANC 8E on several occasions to discuss the potential design of the development, plans for jobs and contracts, knocking on over one-hundred doors of residents who live adjacent to the Property and getting their support on a petition, providing small businesses in the community with opportunities on construction projects, sponsoring activities for youth in the community, helping families in need with food and other needs, as well as a range of other outreach activities.

As a result of their outreach in the community and proposed uses to develop at the site, which includes 180 new affordable housing units and ground floor community serving retail space, we fully and enthusiastically support CPDC’s application for a Map Amendment of the Property from RA-1 to MU-8 which is intended to permit medium-density, mixed-use development with a focus on employment in or near, among other locations, arterial streets at rapid transit stops.

Sincerely,

Derek Thomas