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Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Z.C. Case No. 24-01 / Howard University Petition for a Zoning Map Amendment Updated Comprehensive Plan Analysis – Petitioner's Community Outreach and Engagement Dear Zoning

Commission Members:

On behalf of the LeDroit Park Civic Association ("LPCA") I am writing in support of Howard University's petition for a Zoning Map Amendment in Case No. 24-01.

The LeDroit Park neighborhood and Historic District borders the parcels of land included in the proposed zoning map amendment to the East on the 2000 and 2100 blocks of 5th Street NW and to the South on the 500 and 600 blocks of the U Street Alley NW and the 1800 and 1900 blocks of Bohrer Street NW.

LeDroit Park is predominantly zoned RF-1 with few structures, if any, exceeding the 35-foot by-right height allowance for the zone, and is identified as Residential Moderate Density in the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. Howard University's petition to amend the zoning map to a high and medium density zone allowing for maximum by-right heights of 90 feet and greater raised significant concerns for the community about how a high-density zone could successfully co-exist with a low to moderate density zone with no transition zone or buffer.

Howard University and the Florida Avenue Baptist Church, and its Trustees worked collaboratively with the community, through the LPCA, to enter into two separate Memorandum of Agreement that provide for development restrictions that create a transition from the proposed higher density MU-9 and MU-10 zones to the existing RF-1 zone. Thanks to the partnership and engagement of both Howard University and the Church, the LPCA membership voted unanimously in support of the MOA's at the LPCA October Public Meeting which was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Appropriate public notice was provided for this meeting and a quorum was met.

Sincerely,

J. Matthew Fay
LPCA President