



DC Public Library

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VIA E-mail

D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 200-S
Washington, DC 20001
Attn: ZCSubmissions@DC.gov

Re: Z.C. Case 24-02: DCPL’s Letter of Support for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”) Zoning Application for Approval of a Zoning Map Amendment

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the District of Columbia Public Library (“DCPL”), I am writing to express our support for the proposed rezoning of WMATA’s Deanwood Metrorail Station from PDR-1 and RA-1 to MU-5B.

The existing Deanwood Library is approximately 7,300 square feet and is located one block from the Deanwood Metrorail station.

The proposed zone change is compatible with the proposed new full-service 20,000 square foot Deanwood Library envisioned within the DCPL’s Facilities Master Plan.

The Mayor has allocated \$24 million dollars for the design and construction of the new full-service library.

The property referenced in WMATA’s application is notionally suited to accommodate the new library’s footprint, and DCPL looks forward to working with WMATA, its future joint-development partner, ANC 7C, and members of the Deanwood community to design a library that meets the needs of the Deanwood neighborhood.

In sum, DCPL supports the proposed zoning change and recommends that the Commission approve the application that will ultimately allow the proposed new public library to serve additional patrons residing or visiting WMATA’s future development.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Respectfully,

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DC Public Library

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