

To: D.C. Zoning Commission

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 24-03 – 1603 Marion Barry Avenue, SE – Letter in Strong Support

I ask that the Zoning Commission approve map amendment proposed by the above referenced case to rezone the property from MU-4 to MU-7A.

My family and I live at the corner of W and 16 very near the proposed map amendment. This corridor, plagued by fatal shootings, drug use, loitering is a continued source of pain for our community. On 4/13/20, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) even filed a Complaint for violations of the Drug, Firearm, or Prostitution-Related Nuisance Abatement Act. It's important to me and to my neighbors that this property is developed to its full potential so that we can live safely and in dignity.

With the approval of a map amendment to MU-7A, the developer can proceed with the already approved building plans for this lot in the Anacostia Historic District. The development concept is consistent with the D.C. Comprehensive Plan and Anacostia will benefit from the additional housing, commercial space and community services.

I also support OP's recommendation that this map amendment be approved without incorporating IZ Plus. This neighborhood and this Ward has already been asked to provide too much of the affordable housing supply for the District – already exceeding the Mayor's Housing Equity Report goal by over 100%. The construction of new market rate residential use and new ground floor commercial space is a tremendous benefit to the community and a welcome investment.

I appreciate the opportunity to extend my strong and unconditional support for the proposed map amendment application for the site and the development plans it allows.

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