June 27, 2024

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia Office of Zoning 441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Z.C. Case No. 24-04: Application for a Zoning Map Amendment for 1271 5th Street, N.E. (Square 3591, Lot 3)

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

We are writing you in support of the application for a Zoning Map amendment at 1271 5<sup>th</sup> Street, N.E. and ask the Zoning Commission to approve the application. Our business is currently located in a building on the site of the Map amendment.

We are pleased to see new development happening in the Union Market District, and we support what EDENS is trying to do with this site.

EDENS has extended our lease at the property for several years before any future construction happens and has also provided us temporary gallery space in the neighborhood, ultimately reinforcing their dedication to supporting tenant success and fostering positive business relationships.

EDENS has very successful history of creating places for small businesses like mine to emerge and thrive. The new residents moving into the neighborhood and the growing local, domestic, and international tourism at Union Market have increased interest in, and visibility of, our business, leading to more opportunities for us and a rich culture and community.

We are grateful that the Zoning Commission and EDENS include our voices in the development process so that our city and neighborhood can grow and thrive in an equitable and thoughtful way.

Sincerely,

Maggie Wichael