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Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200-S
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RE: *Zoning Commission Case No. 24-15, 901 Monroe Street LLC*

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

Our names are David and Katie Jung and we have been members of the Brookland/Monroe Street Community since 2019. Katie moved here to pursue her law degree at The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law and David moved here to join her after they were married in 2021. We write to express our strong support for the proposed 901 Monroe Street development project. We often walk by that vacant lot on our way to the restaurants and shops on 12th Street and believe that would be an amazing addition to our community here. This project will help revitalize and strengthen our local economy, enhance the vitality and vibrancy of the community, and foster more commercial opportunity for local business owners and consumers.

We believe that the 901 Monroe project will bring more safety and connection to the Brookland neighborhood, something we often think about when we are out at night walking with our one year old son, Crosley. It will also bring more businesses such as grocery and eating options, shopping, and other amenities that will make living in NE easier. We currently have to drive to our workout classes, the grocery store, restaurants, and other shopping centers to obtain the essentials for daily living. This makes it much harder to live and work in the community. With more people in the neighborhood, it seems that there will be more daytime and evening activity, making the streets safer for our growing community.

We have built our family here and have come to call the neighborhood home. Now that we are no longer students at the University, it has been harder to maintain a sense of community in the neighborhood. We are hopeful that with more people and businesses, it will be easier to connect with those living in our community without having to leave the neighborhood.

We emphatically urge the zoning commission to approve this project. The benefits of increased neighborhood activity, more retail, and increased walkability are aligned with the goals of living in a thriving urban community. Brookland will always hold a special place in our hearts no matter where we live. Projects like 901 Monroe seek to ensure that more families and people can live here happily and safely for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

David and Katie Jung