

Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 24-15, 901 Monroe Street LLC

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission,

As one of the many proud residents of Brookland, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed 901 Monroe Street development project. This project represents a vital opportunity to strengthen our local economy, enhance the livability of our neighborhood, and foster a more vibrant and sustainable commercial corridor in the Brookland community.

The additional residential density proposed for the 901 Monroe project is not only welcome, but also essential. Our businesses rely on consistent foot traffic to thrive, and the infusion of new residents living just steps away will provide exactly that. With more people living nearby, we can expect an uptick in daytime and evening activity, which is critical for the long-term health and sustainability of retail and service providers along both 12th Street NE and Monroe Street NE.

Moreover, this project will help activate an already central well-situated vacant lot in our neighborhood steps away from the Brookland Metro. The current momentum we've seen in Brookland over the past decade, from the Arts Walk to new small businesses, has shown that thoughtful development and increased residential presence create a dynamic, walkable environment that benefits everyone. The 901 Monroe development is a continuation of this positive trajectory and will further anchor our commercial corridors as true community destinations.

It is also important to recognize that sustainable retail depends on a stable and diverse customer base. Projects like 901 Monroe allow us to plan for the future, expand services, and hire more staff, ultimately reinvesting in the community we serve.

I urge the Zoning Commission to approve this project. The benefits of increased density, improved pedestrian activity, and long-term retail sustainability are aligned with the goals of a thriving urban community. Brookland has always been a special place, and with projects like 901 Monroe, it can continue to grow in ways that are inclusive, vibrant, and supportive of small businesses like mine.

Thank you for your consideration.

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