

June 15, 2025

Chairman Anthony Hood
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th St NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Letter in Support to Zoning Commission Case No. 24-15, 901 Monroe Street LLC

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission,

My name is James Pearlstein and I live in Brookland on Varnum Pl, NE with my family. My wife and I are raising two daughters in the neighborhood, who attend Brookland Middle and EW Stokes. My wife frequently teaches dance classes at Dance Place. We all take the Metro several times each week.

I am writing to strongly encourage you to support the 901 Monroe project and make sure there are no further delays in the process. Brookland needs to create more housing to meet the demand, *especially* near the Metro. We should maximize transit-adjacent projects and build as much housing as possible.

I want the neighborhood to be a place where my children have more neighbors, where we do not have empty spaces around the Metro that attracts crime, and to incentivize more small businesses to set up shop in the neighborhood because we are growing. I know my neighbors feel the same.

A 15 year wait on this project is long enough. Let's build.

Thank you for your consideration and, hopefully, support.

All the best,

James Pearlstein & Chitra Subramanian

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