

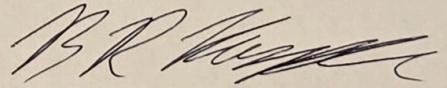
Letter of Support for the 901 Monroe Project

Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission,

I am writing today to express my strong support for the 901 Monroe Project. I am a resident of ANC 5B specifically ANC 5B04 and live right down the street from the project at 904 Irving ST NE. The 901 Monroe Project will remove what has been an eyesore on the neighborhood for now over a decade. Just as important the increased housing density will add new residents to patron local restaurants and stores. Recently the neighborhood lost two keystone restaurants (Brookland's Finest and Brookland Pint) which may have been able to make it if this project were already completed. It will also promote much needed infrastructure improvements to the area such as the extension of the sidewalk down 9th ST NE from Monroe all the way to Girard.

As a resident I want what is best for the whole community. New housing that has both at-market and affordable rates, plus promised new retail opportunities so close to the metro station fits that bill. Thank you for your time and what I am sure will be a thorough and fair review of the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Benjamin R. Kasper