

April 7th, 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,

I am writing in support of the proposed 901 Monroe Street LLC project and ask that you vote to approve it.

I have been living in Brookland for almost 10 years (moved here in 2016), have a deep fondness for it and live around 7 blocks from 901 Monroe St. I frequent neighborhood eateries and businesses much like other neighbors, and absolutely love Brookland's growth.

Since moving in I've watched the development of Brookland and gained a keen eye for what I believe would help the neighborhood sustainably grow to benefit all. I'm passionate about what's best for Brookland, and from my experience, I've seen that the businesses struggle to sustain themselves due to a lack of foot traffic and a low density population. I believe it is important to develop 901 Monroe st. to bring more people to frequent business and stimulate growth. I'm all for affordable housing, however I feel Brookland needs young people with disposable income to support the businesses nearby, and think this development will do just that. With the Trader Joe's opening any week now at the monroe street market, the metropolitan branch trail, and Brookland metro station, just a blocks away, Brookland is on the precipice for greatness in a community with all the amenities that could be desired. Not only would development make good use of the land which has sat vacant for almost 10 years, it will provide the housing desperately needed in the city.

Horning and the Menkiti Group are just the people to make this happen. They have been receptive to feedback and extended their availability to neighbors with presentations and emails sent out frequently. I'm very excited to have them at the helm.

I gladly write this letter in support for the development and hope my passion for seeing Brookland thrive helps make 901 Monroe street a reality. In short, we must prepare for the future, one which focuses on community, and providing a wonderful living experience for people to have in the neighborhood, one which I believe more people to frequent business, will only help.

Sincerely,

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