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**VIA IZIS**

Anthony Hood, Chairperson  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S  
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**RE: ZC Case No. 24-24  
Community Outreach Supplement**

Chairperson Hood and Honorable Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Applicant D.C. Department of General Services (the “**Applicant**”), the following information is intended to supplement the Applicant’s statement in support of a consolidated planned unit development and zoning map amendment for the property located at 1201 New York Avenue NE (Parcel 0129/0115) (the “**Property**”). The Applicant proposes to construct a new emergency shelter for men experiencing homelessness (the “**Project**”).

Following the filing of the application in December 2024, the Applicant has coordinated with the D.C. Office of Planning (“**OP**”). Based on these conversations, OP requested additional information in the case record about the Applicant’s community outreach efforts for the Project. Accordingly, the following is a summary of points of engagement, with ***bold and italicized dates*** being those not previously identified in the application or having occurred since the application was filed:

- December 2022 – Town Halls with residents and staff of 1355 New York Avenue shelter and 801 East shelter
- April 15, 2024 – Presentation to Interagency Council on Homelessness (“**ICH**”)
- ***September 11, 2024 – Department of Human Services (“DHS”) discusses Project with representatives from Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) to ensure awareness and outreach***
- ***September 19, 2024 – Team presentation of Project to ICH***
- ***September 19, 2024 – DHS phone discussion with ANC 5D02 Commissioner Sebrina Rhodes (Single Member District Commissioner for the Property)***

- *September 23, 2024 – DHS virtual meeting with Downtown Business Improvement District*
- *September 25, 2024 – DHS email communication to ANC 5D02 Commissioner Rhodes regarding pending Notice of Intent for PUD*
- *September 25-26, 2024 – DHS Director Zeilinger phone outreach to D.C. Council Chairman Mendelson’s Office, Councilmember White’s Office (Chair of Housing Committee) and Ward 5 Councilmember Parker’s Office*
- *September 30, 2024 – DHS notifies Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services regarding pending Notice of Intent for PUD*
- *October 8, 2024 – Team presentation to ANC 5D at October 2024 public meeting*
- *October and November 2024 – DHS virtual meetings with ICH*
- *November 4, 2024 – DHS email communication to ANC 5D02 Commissioner Rhodes*
- *January – February 2025 – Email communications with ANC 5D02 Commissioner Rhodes regarding upcoming ANC meetings*
- *February 11, 2025 – Team presentation to ANC 5D at February 2025 public meeting*

In addition to the above, the Applicant is planning the following outreach in the coming months:

- *March 5, 2025 – In-person public community meeting to be hosted at 530 Penn Street NE<sup>1</sup>*
- *March 2025<sup>2</sup> – Presentation to ANC 5D’s Zoning Subcommittee*
- *April 8, 2025 – Team presentation to ANC 5D at April 2025 public meeting*

Overall, the Project has been well received by ANC 5D, community members, and other stakeholders. The Applicant looks forward to its continued work with the community as the PUD application progresses. Accordingly, we thank the Commission and OP for its consideration of this filing and look forward to a setdown meeting in the near future.

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<sup>1</sup> The Applicant created a flyer to notify community members and stakeholders of the meeting. The flyer will be distributed to individuals and businesses in the area around the Property. The Applicant is also working with Commissioner Rhodes and Theresa Silla, the ICH Executive Director, to distribute the flyer.

<sup>2</sup> The date is to be determined.

Sincerely,  
COZEN O'CONNOR



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, a copy of this Cover Letter was served, via email, on the following:

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