

Monday, August 3, 2026

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Z.C. Case No. 26-07 - Letter of Support for the Design Review Application for a Proposed Hotel at the Bridge District

Dear Chairman Hood and Commissioners,

On behalf of the Anacostia Business Improvement District (ABID), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed hotel development adjacent to the Anacostia Metro Station.

ABID is committed to supporting a vibrant commercial district, fostering economic opportunity, and creating welcoming public spaces that benefit residents, businesses, workers, and visitors alike. We believe this project represents an important investment in the continued growth of the Bridge District and the broader Ward 8 community.

The proposed hotel has the potential to:

- Create quality jobs during construction and through long-term operations.
- Attract visitors who will support local restaurants, retailers, cultural destinations, and small businesses throughout the Bridge District and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Strengthen the District's efforts to establish this area as a premier arts and cultural destination by providing accommodations for visitors attending performances, exhibitions, festivals, and other events.
- Increase foot traffic that strengthens the local business ecosystem and helps sustain entrepreneurs and neighborhood-serving businesses.
- Encourage continued investment that expands economic opportunity while reinforcing the long-term vitality of Ward 8.

Over the past several years, the Bridge District has emerged as an increasingly active mixed-use neighborhood where people live, work, gather, and enjoy the waterfront. Importantly, the project is adjacent to the District's official Arts and Culture District, where the District has made a significant commitment to expanding arts, entertainment, and cultural programming east of the Anacostia River. A hotel in this location will help support those efforts by making it easier for visitors to experience the area's growing arts and cultural offerings while extending their stay and increasing spending at local businesses. The addition of a hotel is a natural complement to the residential, retail, office, and public spaces that have already transformed the area into an important destination.

We also appreciate that the proposed design thoughtfully responds to its surroundings while making productive use of a highly visible site adjacent to the Anacostia Metro Station. As development continues, it will be important to ensure that community engagement remains a

priority and that opportunities for local hiring, contracting, and partnerships with Ward 7 and Ward 8 businesses are incorporated throughout the project's implementation.

ABID supports investments that create thriving commercial corridors, strengthen neighborhood businesses, and enhance the experience of everyone who lives, works, and visits east of the Anacostia River. We believe this project aligns with those goals and will serve as another important step in the continued evolution of the Bridge District and the adjacent Arts and Culture District as vibrant, connected, and economically strong destinations.

We respectfully encourage the Zoning Commission to approve the proposed development.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Noell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristina" and last name "Noell" clearly distinguishable.

Kristina Noell
Executive District
Anacostia Business Improvement District