

Wednesday, September 9, 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,

I am writing to express our support for the proposed hotel planned for the Bridge District, adjacent to the Anacostia Metro Station. As a third generation Washingtonian and Ward 8 resident, I believe this project represents an important opportunity to advance the vision for the Bridge District, build on the continued revitalization of the Anacostia waterfront, and create new economic opportunities for residents and local businesses.

The proposed hotel has the potential to:

- Create new employment opportunities during both construction and long-term operations.
- Help accommodate visitors attending events, conducting business, or exploring destinations east of the Anacostia River.
- Support local small businesses, restaurants, retailers, and entrepreneurs by bringing additional visitors to the Anacostia, Congress Heights, and Bridge District neighborhoods.
- Encourage continued investment that benefits existing residents while contributing to the long-term growth and economic vitality of Ward 8.

The Bridge District has already begun transforming this area into a more walkable, transit-oriented neighborhood. Adding a hotel is a logical next step that complements the existing residential, retail, and public spaces while expanding opportunities for local economic development. Further, the design of the building is complementary to the site's location and surrounding neighborhood. The project's approach to the building's configuration and location of uses, parking, and loading and its relationship to the surrounding public space allows this particular property to maximize its potential.

I also appreciate Redbrick's commitment to community engagement throughout this process and encourage the project team to continue working closely with neighborhood stakeholders to ensure that residents (especially those living in Wards 7 and 8 and near the proposed hotel) have meaningful access to employment, contracting opportunities, and other benefits resulting from this investment.

I respectfully ask the Zoning Commission to approve this project and help advance continued investment east of the Anacostia River.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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