

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT
5D01



September 26, 2016

Board of Zoning Adjustment
of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Support for BZA Case No. 19200A
1401 Okie Street, NE (Square 4093, Lot 832)**


Dear Members of the Board:

On September 1, 2016, the Applicant in the above-referenced case contacted me regarding its intent to file a modification to the architectural drawings approved in BZA Case No. 19200. On September 14, 2016, the applicant filed the application with the Office of Zoning. Because the modified drawings simply redesign the architectural elements of the approved building and do not create any new areas of zoning relief, this case is considered a "Modification of Consequence" under the 2016 Zoning Regulations, and can be placed on the BZA's consent calendar within 10 days after the application has been filed and served. (Subtitle Y § 703.9.)

I have reviewed the application and the revised architectural drawings and fully support this project. As with the initial application, which ANC 5D voted unanimously (7-0) to support, I continue to believe that the adaptive reuse and renovation of the existing warehouse building will help to positively transform and improve Ivy City. The revised uses, which now include retail, light manufacture, and office uses, will benefit the neighborhood and bring new life to the surrounding streets. In addition, there is sufficient parking in the above-ground parking garage located across the street from the site, which will adequately accommodate all users of the building. I commend the Applicant for the excellent architectural design and its commitment to working with the ANC to improve our community.

I therefore enthusiastically support this project and respectfully request that the Board approve this application as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,


Peta-Gay Lewis
Commissioner SMD 5D01

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EXHIBIT NO. 8