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Fredrick L. Hill
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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW Suite 200S
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Re: Support for BZA Application No. 19887; 1724 North Capitol Street NW

This letter concerns Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA or Board) Application No. 19887. I write to join with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E in support of BZA Application No. 19887. Jam Doung Style Cuisine (the applicant) was negatively impacted when its property and properties adjacent to it were rezoned.¹ Despite the applicant operating and occupying 1726 North Capitol Street, NW, the three aforementioned properties were rezoned in 2016, from “legally non-conforming use” to “RF-1”. Some residents raised concerns with my staff that the affected business owners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E (ANC 5E), and community members did not receive proper notification of the zoning change.

Nevertheless, I have been notified of ANC 5E’s unanimous decision to support the applicant. The Bloomingdale Civic Association supports the applicant as well. My office has reviewed the case exhibit for this matter and each opposition letter submitted by neighboring residents and property owners outlines a problem that can be resolved by implementing reasonable solutions. Residents raised valid concerns such as sanitation (trash/debris), parking, traffic, and loitering. However, these are also manageable concerns that can be resolved with the applicant’s full commitment.

The applicant is a thriving business and viable restaurant option in Ward 5. Furthermore, based on community input, I support the applicant’s variance request and plan to operate a commercial business at 1724 North Capitol Street, NW. However, my support is contingent upon the applicant’s ability to negotiate and coordinate with neighboring residents impacted by sanitation, traffic, and loitering. It is my request that this letter be made part of the official record.

Should you have any questions, please contact my Senior Advisor Silas Grant at shgrant@dccouncil.us or (202) 957-5498.

¹ Properties are located at 1724, 1726, and 1728 North Capitol Street NW.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K.R. McDuffie". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "K" and "M".

Kenyan R. McDuffie

cc: Bloomingdale Civic Association President, Teri Janine Quinn
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E Chair, Bradley Thomas
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 5E07, Bertha Holliday