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January 22, 2015

### VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Mr. Anthony J. Hood Chairman D.C. Zoning Commission 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW Suite 210S Washington, DC 20001

### Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 13-08 – Consolidated PUD and Zoning Map <u>Amendment Application- Response to Request for Postponement Filed by</u> Alabama Avenue/13<sup>th</sup> Street Tenants Coalition

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

This letter responds to the request for postponement filed by the Alabama Avenue/13<sup>th</sup> Street Tenants Coalition ("**Coalition**") filed on January 21, 2015. As discussed in detail below, none of the issues raised by the Coalition should prevent the Zoning Commission from holding the duly noticed public hearing on January 22, 2015.

Square 5914, LLC (the "**Applicant**") is the contract purchaser of the property located at 3200 13<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, which was owned by 3200 Thirteenth Street, LLC at the time the application was filed and is still owned by 3200 13<sup>th</sup> Street, LLC. Enclosed please find signature pages for the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment applications that were executed by an authorized representative of 3200 Thirteenth Street, LLC at the time the application was filed, as well as signature pages executed by a current representative of 3200 Thirteenth Street, LLC. The Applicant has the authorized authorization to process this application.

The Coalition also claims that the Zoning Commission should not move forward with this case because of various liens and title issues related to the 3200 13<sup>th</sup> Street, SE property. The Coalition claims that these liens and title issues should make the Zoning Commission postpone the public hearing because the "Zoning Administrator will be prevented from implementing any associated permit applications for this project". These issues are not pertinent to the Zoning Commission's review of whether the Consolidated PUD and Zoning Map Amendment applications satisfy the relevant requirements of 11 DCMR Section 2400 et seq. Moreover, these issues should not prevent the Zoning Commission from holding a hearing on this case on January 22, 2015.

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Finally, the Coalition claims there will be "terrible administrative inefficiencies and the unnecessary expenditure of time and City money in processing the instant PUD application, as any material changes to the currently cloudy state of site control, as well as to the unresolved issues about litigation, the over-riding land covenants, and outstanding liens, has the very real risk to make moot any decision of the Zoning Commission pertaining to this case". The Applicant finds no merit to this statement. In the Applicant's view, it is the postponement of this hearing that would result in "terrible administrative inefficiencies". The Office of Planning, the Department of Transportation, the Department of the Environment, and ANC 8E have all reviewed this project and have submitted reports or taken a vote on this application in anticipation of the hearing occurring on January 22, 2015. This PUD and Map Amendment application is ready for a public hearing and the Coalition is free to raise these issues at the January 22, 2015 Public Hearing.

For the above-mentioned reasons, the Applicant requests that the request for postponement be denied.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Tummonds, Jr.

Enclosures

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I sent a copy of the foregoing document to the following addresses on January 22, 2015 by E-Mail:

Alabama Avenue/13<sup>th</sup> Street Tenants Coalition c/o Will Merrifield Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless 1200 U Street, NW, Third Floor Washington, DC 20009 (By E-Mail)

> Maxine Brown-Roberts Office of Planning 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Suite E650 Washington, DC 20024 (By E-Mail)

ANC 8E 1310 Southern Avenue, SE Room 043 Washington, DC 20032 c/o Anthony Muhammad, Chair (By E-Mail)

ANC 8C 3125 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE Washington, DC 20032 (By E-Mail)

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## <u>APPLICATION FOR CONSOLIDATED</u> <u>PUD APPROVAL</u>

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(Square 5914 Lot 7)

3200 THIRTEENTH STREET, LLC

Name A. Smith Title: maras ments Date: 1/2.2/15

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3200 THIRTEENTH STREET, LLC Name: Jeal A. Smith Title: MANASing Member Date: 1/22/15