

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

COMMISSIONER PETA-GAY LEWIS



December 4, 2014

ANC 5D Commissioners

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 14-12, 1309-1329 5th Street N.E.

Dear Fellow ANC 5D Commissioners:

As the Single Member District Commissioner for ANC 5D01, I am writing to express my support and on behalf of my constituents in their support of EAJ 1309 5th Street, LLC's development at 1309-1329 5th Street NE. The developer has worked with me and our community to understand and provide a development that will greatly benefit our community and the District of Columbia, which meets the goals for the neighborhood as laid out in the Small Area Plan.

The 1309-1329 5th Street project creates a vibrant, attractive, and walkable area that provides commercial and retail amenities that are much needed in our neighborhood. The Project will create jobs, continue to promote community interactions, and cultivate economic growth. This Project will provide needed outdoor community spaces, which will help build a strong sense of community. The developer is proposing to build an urban plaza open to the public for dining and entertainment and a green space in front of the existing market on a portion of their land. This project will provide the first stadium seating movie theater in Ward 5, which will also be the first Angelika movie theater in the District of Columbia. The developer is committed to preserving the existing building and providing a LEED Silver building. If the project is residential, the developer will also provide affordable housing. Additionally, the entire area surrounding the project is dedicated to fostering a pedestrian focused street experience that will benefit the neighborhood.

The existing project, the Market at Union Market, has already established the neighborhood as a destination to local residents and residents from the greater DC Metro area. It has served as an incubator for many new businesses while retaining long time businesses of the prior market. The developer has worked to ensure that the existing market will remain open during the construction of the new project. The development will build on what the Market has already created and greatly further the goals of the Small Area Plan facilitating development throughout the 45 acres.

The developer has demonstrated its dedication to improving the Union Market district. They have made great efforts to engage the immediate community, donate their time and resources to community events and organizations, and improve safety in the area by providing 24/7 security and improving lighting in the 45-acre district. They continue to provide compelling neighborhood events that engage our neighborhood and attract many from the DC Metro area to Ward-5.

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Thank you for giving great weight to ANC 5D01 SMD's recommendations. I encourage you to vote to support the project's application for the PUD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202 683 0158.

Regards,



Peta-Gay Lewis
ANC Commissioner 5D01