

March 12, 2016

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Anthony Hood, Chairman  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 15-15 – Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Zoning Map Amendment for 1611-1625 Eckington Place, NE (Lot 805, also known as Lots 2001-2004, Square 3576) and 1500 Harry Thomas Way, NE (Lot 814, Square 3576) (the “Property”) – Letter of Support for Project**

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I, Daniel Agold, hereby submit a letter in support of the application for a consolidated planned unit development and a Zoning Map amendment in the above-captioned case by JBG/Boundary 1500 Harry Thomas Way, L.L.C. and JBG/Boundary Eckington Place, L.L.C. (the “Applicant”).

The Applicant’s application would rezone the Property from C-M-1 to CR while allowing for a more flexible design approach. The rezoning and PUD would allow for the construction of residential to go alongside active, innovative retail and commercial uses on a site that has long been underutilized.

As a home owner in the effected community, I commend the Applicant on its outreach to the community, as they have been proactive in communications with neighbors, and the surrounding community. Perhaps most admirably, the Applicant has integrated community and neighbor feedback into the proposal by, if approved, funding an Eckington - Ivy City pedestrian bridge viability study, support and resources for the future park “NoMa Green” across the street, and a walk-able and welcoming environment with restaurants and shops at ground level.

I feel the proposed project fits within the neighborhood and the adjacent properties. The proposed building heights and design are conducive for assimilating the project into the existing neighborhood and adjacent properties, while delivering a suitable amount of residential and commercial space at a transit oriented site.

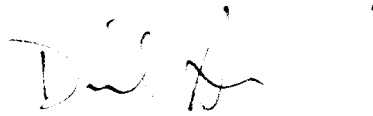
Further, the design itself caters to the wishes of the surrounding community and furthers the goals of connecting the Eckington neighborhood, as it proposes to continue Quincy Place through. Such an access way allows the project to break down both the size of the block and the massing of the buildings themselves, while adding another option for pedestrians.

The project will provide many additional benefits to our community and the District of Columbia. Further, it will bring a significant degree of affordable units to the neighborhood, in an area where there are currently no residents and, in fact, residential is not even allowed.

Accordingly, I support the Applicant's application for PUD, the Zoning Map amendment approval, and the project.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Agold". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Daniel Agold