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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL
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Re: Letter in Support of Case No. 15-16

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

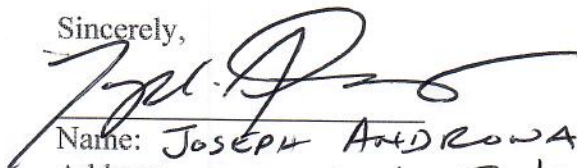
I am submitting this letter to express my support for the above-referenced application for the mixed-use development proposed at 4th and Rhode Island Avenue. I am both a resident and business owner along Rhode Island Avenue Northeast. I live at 123 Rhode Island Avenue NE and welcome the opportunity to access more services and amenities within walking distance. I am also very excited to see the development's commitment to public space enhancements (Plazas, Bike Trails).

I will also say that one of the best features that I welcome is the connection MRP is proposing between its property and the property to the north. This isn't just a more convenient connection for folks to walk to the MBT or Metro, but it's also far safer. I realize that there is an existing "bridge" above Rhode Island Avenue that folks can use but the current configuration is not as functional and as such, most of the foot traffic is along the underpass along a very narrow and dark walkway.

As a business owner (located at 617 Rhode Island Avenue NE), and this information rarely gets widely known, I am quite impressed by MRP's outreach to business owners in this area and along Rhode Island Avenue with a strong mindset and philosophy of lifting the neighborhood around which this development is being built. Sure it's smart business to do that but not all developers approach projects in this fashion. In addition, the developer's commitment to a safe and sustainable development is admirable. Access Green is fortunate to have done the exterior lighting renovation for Edgewood Terrace directly behind the proposed project and we know how improved and more sustainable exterior lighting has made a significant improvement to them.

This development is long overdue for this part of town and I am very much looking forward to it. I would respectfully ask the Commission my support, as a resident and business owner of this community, and approve this application.

Sincerely,


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