



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



October 18, 2021

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC Case No. 16-11
Bruce Monroe and Park Morton Sites

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

The DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed the schematic plans for the Z.C. Application No. 16-11, of Park View Community Partners and the District of Columbia together, (the “Applicant”), seeking consolidated review and approval of a Planned Unit Development (“PUD”) and a zoning map amendment to rezone a portion of Lot 849 in Square 2890 from the R-4 and C-@-A Districts to the R-5-B and C-2-B Districts.

I write to reiterate our support of this project as originally shared on December 8, 2016. Since that time, the District has adopted housing production and preservation goals in addition to equitable distribution of housing goals that this project helps further and I’ll detail them briefly.

At her second inaugural address in 2019, Mayor Bowser set forth a bold goal to create 36,000 new housing units by 2025, 12,000 to be affordable. Later that year she released a Housing Equity Report that further distributes these housing goals specific to each planning area of the city, making Washington, DC among the first cities in the nation to create area-specific goals for affordable housing and dedicate an entire initiative to examining the barriers and opportunities within each planning area to achieve these housing goals.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments, and we look forward to working with the Applicant as necessary to ensure the successful completion and delivery of the project.

Sincerely,

Drew Hubbard
Interim Director
Department of Housing and Community Development