Dear Commissioners Bender, Hall, McHugh, and Quinn -

On behalf of Revive 3E and the many pro-growth residents of ANC 3E, we are writing to:

- 1. Signal our support for the Urban Investment Partners (UIP) project located at 4620 Wisconsin Avenue NW, as presented at the ANC meeting on June 8, 2017.
- Encourage you to schedule a UIP presentation at a Commission meeting only once more, when you plan to vote, after negotiating with UIP directly on an acceptable design and amenities package. This would allow a more fair representation of resident viewpoints than if UIP returned for multiple presentations, which advantages the few opponents.

## **Reasons for Support**

Revive3E believes UIP has already committed to sufficient amenities for the Commission to vote in support of the project. The development itself and the density it provides are the most important amenities, because they will revitalize a blighted part of Wisconsin Ave, attract the residents needed to support local-serving restaurants and retail, and provide affordable housing near transit -- all with no impact on traffic. UIP has also committed to undergrounding power lines in front of the development, renovating the Chesapeake House, and, most importantly, *leasing at least 3,500 square feet of retail to a "full-service restaurant."* 

At the last ANC meeting, UIP was asked by the Commission to consider providing additional amenities. While we welcome additional amenities, we do not believe they should be conditions for the ANC's support given the benefits the project will provide. In the past, increasing ANC requests for amenities have contributed to development projects not moving forward -- we would like to ensure that does not happen again.

## **Recalling UIP Only Once**

Commissioner Bender requested at the end of the June 8 meeting that UIP return for at least two more ANC meetings. We respectfully request instead that the Commission

bring this project to a public meeting only one more time, when you plan to vote, after negotiating with UIP on acceptable amenities.

As you will have noticed, the number of supporters for this project outnumbered those that opposed it at the June 8th ANC meeting. Nearly all of us have young families and made personal sacrifices to attend the meeting and voice support -- largely because in the past, a small number of vocal dissenters have overshadowed the silent majority.

UIP has already presented at several meetings. The arguments for and against and the remaining possible amenities are well known. We support a forum for residents to express views, but having UIP return multiple times does not serve this purpose. Instead, it will just create more opportunities for the few but vocal opponents with time on their hands to lodge complaints that the ANC has already heard and taken into account. This is what has happened when the ANC has had other developers present on a near-monthly basis, with no progress on the actual projects.

Instead, we ask that you negotiate directly with UIP on a design and amenities package. We ask that the ANC only schedule a public meeting once negotiations have concluded and the Commission is ready to vote on the project.

Thank you very much for considering our position on this matter.

Respectfully, on behalf of Revive 3E and pro-growth residents of ANC 3E,

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