

# The DCEA Academy

October 23, 2017

Mr. Anthony Hood  
Chairman  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Suite 210S  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: **Support for Zoning Commission Case No. 16-29 – Columbian Quarter – First- Stage  
Planned Unit Development**

Dear Chairman Hood:

On October 26, 2017, The DCEA Academy received a presentation from representatives of Columbian Quarter Holdings regarding the proposed Columbian Quarter PUD project. In my role as the Executive Director of The DCEA Academy, I am writing to express support of the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment application.

The DCEA Academy believes that the residential portion of the project, which includes approximately 700 residential units within two multi-family buildings, provides the proper mix of neighborhood serving retail and rental housing with both affordable and market-rate units directly adjacent to the new WMATA Anacostia Metro Station entrance plaza. Further, we believe the office portion, which includes approximately 1.6 million square feet within three buildings, provides tremendous economic opportunity for both construction and permanent office jobs.

The DCEA Academy also strongly supports the benefits and amenities package for the project, and the positive impacts it will have on our community. The package will include infrastructure upgrades like the new Howard Road SE streetscape, enhanced WMATA Anacostia Metro Station entrance plaza, and other neighborhood transportation improvements. In addition, the package includes transit-based housing, greater affordable housing, neighborhood serving retail amenities, sustainability features, and workforce development training, internship and apprenticeship opportunities that has been discussed with the broad community.

The DCEA Academy commends the applicant for its outreach to the community and its responsiveness to comments that were raised about the project. The DCEA Academy wants to recognize the applicant and its members for their commitment to serving the needs of residents of Ward 8 as part of this project.

For these reasons, The DCEA Academy strongly supports the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment application of Columbian Quarter Holdings. Thank you for your attention to our comments on this application.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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