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November 21, 2017

VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th 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 November 6, 2017, I received a presentation from representatives of Columbian Quarter Holdings regarding the proposed Columbian Quarter PUD project. In my role as the Executive Director/President of the John T. Walker School for Boys, I am writing to express support of the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment application.

In my estimation, the residential portion of the project, which includes approximately 700 residential units included in two multi-family buildings, provides a good 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, I 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.

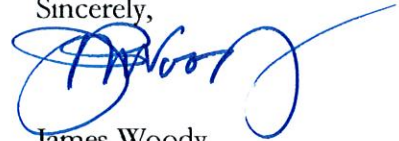
I strongly believe that the benefits and amenities package for the project will have considerable positive impacts on our community. The package will include infrastructure upgrades like the new Howard Road SE streetscape, enhanced WMATA Anacostia Metro Station entrance plaza, and other neighborhood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



Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys commends the applicant for its outreach to the community and its responsiveness to comments that were raised about the project. The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys 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, I, in my capacity as Executive Director and President of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, strongly support the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment application of Columbian Quarter Holdings. Thank you for your attention to our comments on this application.

Sincerely,



James Woody

Executive Director/President