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Anthony Hood, Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
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Re: Z.C. Case 17-05C– Modification Application for DC Central Kitchen at the Riverpoint Project (2121 First Street SW)

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to express my strong support for 2100 2nd Street SW LLC's application to the Zoning Commission for a modification to the mixed-use RiverPoint project (the "**Project**") at 2121 First Street SW (Square 613, Lot 10) (the "**Property**") to bring DC Central Kitchen ("**DCCK**") to the Project.

DCCK provides much needed job training and job creation to those in the District who desperately need their services and, through these programs, provides nutritious food to DC public schools. DCCK has been in need of space to serve as headquarters for years, and the Project presents the perfect opportunity. Currently, DCCK is spread out throughout the city in a way that is inefficient and makes it harder to serve the District. The Project will allow DCCK to create its headquarters with volunteer areas, job training areas, meeting space, and support office space, all important components of DCCK's mission.

The Project and community will also benefit from DCCK's location at the Property. First, for the Project, DCCK's use will be complementary to the restaurant and market uses already planned. DCCK will provide job training relating to those uses but not be in direct competition. Further, in recent cases, the community and ANC 6D have expressed the need for more job training and uses that benefit the entire community. I believe DCCK provides exactly that use.

Finally, I would urge the Commission to consider taking action quickly to approve this modification. I understand DCCK has timing constraints given existing leases and operations, and the Project is well under construction. Being able to have DCCK operating at the Property as soon as possible will be a major benefit to this community and to the District, and I hope the Commission will consider that when reviewing this application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I hope you will support DCCK becoming such an integral part of the Project and the Southwest community.

Sincerely,

Patrick Davis
Chief Operating Officer