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April 16, 2020

Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 200S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Letter of Support for Case 17-05C – Modification Application for DC Central Kitchen at the Riverpoint Project (2121 First Street, SW)

Dear Chairperson Hood:

I join ANC6D in expressing my support for the Modification of Consequence application to the mix-use RiverPoint project (the “Project”) at 2121 First Street, SW (Square 613, Lot 10) (the “Property”) in Ward 6 to bring DC Central Kitchen (“DCCK”) to the Project.

I have worked closely with DCCK, currently headquartered in Ward 6, for many years and have found them to be a strong community partner that has outgrown its space. They provide much needed job training and job creation to those in the District who desperately need their services and, through these programs, provide nutritious food to DC public schools. DCCK has long needed more space to serve as their organization headquarters, and the Project presents this opportunity. Currently, DCCK operations are spread throughout the city in a way that presents challenges to their efficiency and impacts their ability to best serve the District. The Project will allow DCCK the space to house its headquarters with volunteer areas, job training areas, as well as support meeting and office space, which are all important components of DCCK’s mission.

At its regularly scheduled April 13, 2020 monthly meeting, ANC 6D voted unanimously to support the modification of consequence to the design review for this zoning case. They have also expressed the need for more job training and uses for the Project that benefit the entire community and locating DCCK’s job training and central offices in one space, which is metro and bus accessible, presents this opportunity.

I support locating DCCK operations in one location at the Property to help support their mission of job creation, training, and other opportunities for District residents

Thank you for your consideration of these factors in your review of this modification application. I ask that you make this letter a part of the official record for the case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Chairperson, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

cc: Commissioner Gail Fast, Chair - ANC 6D