

Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 8A and 8C

June 6, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The District of Columbia Zoning Commission 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S, Washington, DC 20001 dcoz@dc.gov

Re: ANC 8A and 8C Joint Letter of Support for Columbian Quarters – Z.C. Case Number 18-19

Dear Chairman Hood:

Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 8A and 8C jointly write to offer our support for *Z.C. Case Number 18-19: Poplar Point RBBR, LLC Map Amendment, from MU-14 to NHR zone, 632, 633, 701, 740, 744, 748, 752, 756, 760, 764 & 822 Howard Rd. SE (Sq. 5860, Lots 97, 1025-1031, 1036 & 1037; Sq. 5861, Lots 89 & 991), known to the community as the "Columbian Quarters Project" (Z.C. Case Number 18-19) in Ward 8.*

On June 5, 2019, at **ANC 8C's** properly noticed June meeting, with a quorum present, the Commission voted **6-0-0** in support of the above case; and in May 2019 at a properly noticed meeting with a quorum present, **ANC 8C** voted to support the associated community benefits;

On June 4, 2019, at **ANC 8A's** properly noticed June meeting, with a quorum present, the Commission voted **7-0-0** in support of the above case, and any associated community benefits.

The Commissions believe that the requested MAP Amendment is "not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan" as required under D.C. Code Sec. 6-641.02. Specifically, this rezoning will create an opportunity for office, retail, and residential use in a high-density area close to the Anacostia Metro Station and in harmony with the spirit of the Future Land Use Map.

Finally, the Applicant has demonstrated their commitment to supporting Ward 8 programming through our joint community benefits agreement totaling \$2.25 million, notwithstanding local hiring and small business commitments, their agreement to increasing affordable housing, commitments to community investment opportunities in the overall project, and other associated community benefits that are identified in the joint community benefits agreement.



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Chairman Hood, for these reasons listed above, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 8A and 8C recommend approval by the Zoning Commission on June 6, 2019.

Respectfully,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C
By: Michael Austin, Chair, 8C01 Date: June 6, 2019
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A
By: May Onto trad
Troy Donte Prestwood, Chair
Date: June 6, 2019
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner SMD-8A06
By:
Tyon Jones, Single Member Commissioner, 8A06
Date: June 6, 2019