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January 30, 2019

Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street NW Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Support for Planned Unit Development and Zoning Map Amendment at 3135 and 3201 8th Street, N.E. (Square 3832, Lot 15 and Square 3835, Lot 804) – ZC Case No. 18-21

Dear Chairman Hood & Fellow Commissioners:

As Executive Artistic Director of Dance Place, I am writing to state our support for the Planned Unit Development and zoning map amendment to rezone 3135 and 3201 8th Street, N.E. (Square 3832, Lot 15 and Square 3835, Lot 804) from the PDR-1 District to the MU-4 District by Hanover R.S. Limited Partnership. The purpose of this Planned Unit Development and rezoning will be for the development of two residential buildings separated by a landscaped entry plaza on the Property in accordance with the MU-4 zoning requirements. I am confident the Hanover R.S. project will positively contribute to Brookland/Edgewood’s continued emergence as a “destination of choice” for those who choose to live, work, do business, and entertain in the District of Columbia.

Dance Place has served as an anchor in the development of our Brookland/Edgewood neighborhood in Washington, DC for the past thirty-two years. In 1986, Dance Place purchased its permanent home in Brookland/Edgewood, converting an abandoned warehouse into a community cultural center. Today, our campus includes a 144-seat theater, three training/ rehearsal studios, two offices, a children’s center, 8th St Arts Park, and housing for interns.

Hanover R.S. Limited Partnership has committed approximately \$75,000 to Dance Place, to be dispersed over three years, to support 1,200 hours of programming annually (3,600 total) for 81 children and teenagers in Dance Place’s Energizers youth programs. The Energizers program is centered on-site at Dance Place’s Brookland/Edgewood home campus in Ward 5, targeting Black/ African American youth from our Northeast neighborhood.

Dance Place intends to use the contributed funds as follows towards our Energizers Afterschool Club, Junior Staff, and Creative Arts Camp:

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Breakdown: \$25,000 / year

8 scholarships for camp (\$1,500/each): \$12,000

20 weeks of job training for 14 teenagers (\$25/week): \$7,000

5 scholarships for the Energizers Afterschool Program (\$1,200 each):
\$6,000

The three-year distribution of funds is vital to the successful delivery of programming. The multi-year support ensures the continued delivery of these services and on-going value to the neighborhood.

I respectfully request that you vote to approve Zoning Commission Case No. 18-21 so that the development and delivery of the Hanover project's much-needed community benefits can commence with all deliberate haste. Should you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202)-269-1600 or christopher@danceplace.org.

With deep appreciation,

Christopher K. Morgan
Executive Artistic Director