

May 1, 2019

Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Petition of Masjid Muhammad, Inc. for Approval of
Zoning Map Amendment in Square 5790
Letter of Support

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Petition of Masjid Muhammad, Inc. in connection with its application for a Zoning Map Amendment in Square 5790.

Masjid Muhammad, as an owner of several properties within Square 5790 (along Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE) has been a cornerstone in the Anacostia community for five decades, serving the community thru various community serving uses, including operating the Shabazz Bakery, Clara Muhammad School, helping to open and providing discounted rent for America's Islamic Heritage Museum, supporting free food programs and other community and cultural events at the properties.

Since 2018, the Masjid and its development partner, Banneker Ventures, has done significant outreach to the community. As a result of their long-standing service in Anacostia, outreach in the community and proposed uses for the new building, CityPartners fully and enthusiastically support the Masjid's application for a Map Amendment.

For many years, the CityPartners has worked to tackle some of the community's toughest issues, while building the capacity of residents and organizations to do the same.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 265-2489.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey H. Griffis
Founder & Managing Member