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Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Washington, DC 20001

RE: Letter in Support of 7th & P Street, NW PUD Application submitted by High Street District Development, Inc. – Zoning Case 20-27

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

My name is Greg Sitzmann. I am writing to support the PUD application by High Street District Development, Inc., for the proposed development at the northeast corner of 7th & P Streets, NW. I have lived at 1509 Marion Street NW, which is directly across the street from the proposed development, for 9 years with my wife and daughter.

I strongly support this development project. Currently, the view out our front door is of an empty lot strewn with discarded trash and graffiti, surrounded by a chain link fence. Shaw is a beautiful neighborhood. But this is easily the biggest eyesore left in the area.

Conversely, we are excited by the renderings of the proposed development shown to us by High Street. The building matches the scale of other buildings on 7th Street and steps down nicely to fit the character of our houses on Marion Street. The much needed streetscape and alley improvements are a huge plus to the neighborhood as well.

The empty lot that is currently at 7th and P Street promotes a lot of drug activity. Our daughter is getting to an age where she will be moving throughout the neighborhood on her own. But we don't feel safe with her walking around 7th and P Street. That would change with the site redeveloped and the addition of much needed retail.

We appreciate the lengths High Street went to in arranging meetings to show us updates to their designs and answer any questions. The setbacks and reducing the height of the project along Marion Street will allow the building to fit into the fabric of Marion Street nicely.

For all of the reasons listed above, I hope to see this project approved and under construction soon.

Sincerely,



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