

April 26, 2021

Chairperson Anthony Hood  
District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Suite 200S  
Washington, DC 20001

**RE: Support Letter for 7<sup>th</sup> & P Street, NW PUD Application – Zoning Case No. 20-27**

Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

My name is Thom Sinclair, and I am writing to support the PUD application for the proposed development at the northeast corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & P Streets, NW, Zoning Case No. 20-27.

My husband and I have lived on Marion Street since 2005 and have seen many changes in the neighborhood over those years. One sore spot, however, has been this property at 7<sup>th</sup> and Q. For a time, it was used as a staging area for other construction and the construction companies maintained it. Since they have left, however, it has become a derelict piece of land. I have witnessed illegal things happening in that lot over the years.

There have been other proposed or rumored developments on this spot. This time, the developer has involved the community and has kept us informed of the plans and progress. The design including the brick façade along Marion Street will be a welcome addition. The height and design of the building also fits the scale of the houses and apartment buildings on Marion Street. It will be so much nicer to look out and see this building across the street. I look forward to the day when I don't have to see the run-down lot or pass by nefarious activities.

The neighbors I've talked to also agree. We had a lot of questions for the developers, and they answered them and really listened to our needs and concerns. I'm really happy that they will widen the alley too. It will make a huge difference to the quality of life on our street and in Shaw in general.

Approving this Project will be a very smart move for this piece of property. It will improve both Marion and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. The introduction of new affordable housing, new retail, better views and maintenance will be beneficial to the neighborhood. Also, the fact that Ordinary People Barber shop will be able to stay in its current location is particularly important.

Please know that I am extremely supportive of the Project and urge the Commission to approve it.

Sincerely,



Thomas Sinclair  
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