



April 29, 2021

To the Zoning Commission:

City Blossoms, a 501(c)3 nonprofit in Washington, DC, supports the development of the vacant lot located at 7th and P Streets NW. This site has been vacant for many years, and we look forward to its redevelopment into a mixed-use building that includes a significant affordable housing component.

We welcome High Street Residential's support of the Marion Street Intergenerational Garden, located steps from the development site on Marion Street NW, as part of their community benefits package. The Marion Street Intergenerational Garden has been an integral pillar of City Blossoms programming and a beloved resource for the community since it began in 2010. City Blossoms partners with communities to create interactive, communal, and children-focused gardens that transform unused and under-used land into green spaces where youth and adults can interact with their natural environment and explore their creativity. City Blossoms staff run Open Times (free, drop-in hours open to all) several times a week at the Marion Street Intergenerational Garden, in which children learn about the environment, urban agriculture, nutritious food, and create art. We also provide customized field trips for classrooms of all ages at the garden. We primarily engage local schools, neighbors, and children who attend programming at the Kennedy Recreation Center. High Street Residential's donation will provide meaningful support that will enable us to undertake a major new youth-led community art installation at the Marion Street Garden, as well as ensure the continued verdancy and vitality of its growing spaces.

We thank the Zoning Commission for your consideration of our input on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara McNerney".

Tara McNerney
City Blossoms
Executive Director