

May 17, 2021

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

RE: Statement in Support of PUD Application for 7th and P Streets NW - Zoning Case Number 20-27

Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

My name is Troy A. Arnold. I am the owner and operator of Ordinary People Barber Shop, which is located at 1513 7th Street NW. My business has been in the neighborhood for almost 10 years. The lot that my barber shop is located on is part of the proposed PUD project at 7th and P Streets NW.

As a business owner in the community, it is important to me that the Property be developed in a manner that is appropriate for the surrounding neighborhood and provides a project that benefits the community. I am excited about the project and the opportunities it presents for the Shaw area, especially since the portion of the Property next to my shop has been vacant and in poor condition.

I am fully in support of the Project. The developer has communicated with me throughout the development process and has been collaborative in figuring out how to keep my business operating at the site. The developer is providing me with relocation assistance during construction of the new project. Once the project is complete, the developer has given my business an option to remain on the site for several years in the new building at a reduced rent. I am so pleased that the developer has made these efforts to give my longstanding small business an opportunity to continue operating on this site, instead of just replacing my business with a new tenant in the updated space.

I request that the Zoning Commission approve the Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T.A. Arnold". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "T" and "A".

Troy A. Arnold
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