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Anthony J. Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, SW Suite200S
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Re: Statement of Support of PUD Application for 7th and P Streets NW-Zoning Case Number 20-27

Dear Zoning Commission,

My name is Wanda Steptoe and I am the Executive Director of New Endeavors by Women (NEW), a Shaw-based nonprofit serves women experiencing homelessness. We partner with women to create new futures by providing housing, fostering the development of life skills and promoting education and employment to end the cycle of homelessness.

I am writing to support the PUD application by High Street District Development, Inc. for the proposed development at the northeast corner of 7th and P Streets, NW. New is located two blocks south of the development site.

As a part of its PUD community benefits package, High Street will assist with costs to replace decks and retile flooring in common areas. This support will allow us to continue our mission of providing permanent supportive and transitional housing as well education and employment support services to women, children and families.

Importantly, High Street's proposed project will bring 223 apartments to the Shaw neighborhood. Twenty nine of these apartments will be new dedicated affordable units for individuals and families with income up to 30%, 50% and 60% of median family income. Providing new, permanently affordable units is an important community benefit that should warrant support for this PUD application.

The development team has been active in seeking community input and engaging with project neighbors including our organization. I encourage the Commission to support this PUD application.

Best regards,

Wanda F. Steptoe
Executive Director

