

May 17, 2021

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

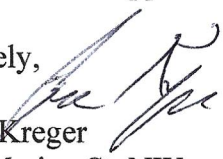
My name is Jim Kreger, and I am writing to support the PUD application by High Street District Development, Inc., for the proposed development at the northeast corner of 7th and P Streets, NW. My husband and I have lived at 1511 Marion Street since 2005; this is located across the street from the proposed development. We have seen many changes in the neighborhood during those sixteen years. One sore spot, however, has been this property at 7<sup>th</sup> and P Streets, NW. For a time, it was used as a staging area for other nearby construction projects, and the construction companies maintained it. Since they have left, however, it has become a derelict piece of land. We have witnessed illegal activities in that lot on numerous occasions over the years.

There have been other proposed or rumored projects for this site. This time, however, the developer has involved the community and has kept us informed of their plans and progress. The design including the brick façade along Marion Street will be a most 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 much nicer to look out and see this lovely new building across the street. I look forward to the day when we don't have to see the run-down lot or pass by nefarious activities.

The neighbors that I have spoken with also agree. We had a lot of questions for High Street District Development, and they answered them thoroughly and really listened to our needs and concerns. It is also good to know that they will widen the alley. This project will make a very positive impact on 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 affordable housing, new retail, better views, cleaner streets and sidewalks 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 this long overdue project and urge the Commission to approve it.

Sincerely,

  
James Kreger  
1511 Marion St, NW