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Mr. Anthony Hood  
Chairman  
District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
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**RE: Letter in Support of 7<sup>th</sup> & 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 Maximiliano Menna. I am writing to support the PUD application by High Street District Development, Inc., for the proposed development at the northeast corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & P Streets, NW. I have lived at 1535 Marion St NW, which is just down the block from proposed development for the last twelve years.

I support this high-quality development project because it will be beneficial to all parties that have a stake in the neighborhood. Specifically, the proposed development will improve a largely vacant and derelict lot that has been a hallmark of blight in the Shaw neighborhood. It has been a magnet for trash, drug use and petty crimes right across the street from my child's playground at the Kennedy Recreation Center. The project will provide retail space and housing walkable to two Metro stations, including approximately 14% for affordable housing for households ranging from 30% AMI to 60% AMI. It will also provide much needed street scape and alley improvements around the development site.

Furthermore, High Street met with our community members on many occasions over the past year as they planned the project. I appreciate that the design and public benefits associated with the project reflect community input, especially as it relates to the height and scale of the proposed project along Marion Street. I feel the proposed building is appropriately scaled for the surrounding buildings, including those on Marion Street, and is sensitive to the neighborhood.

In summary, this project will enhance our neighborhood by improving a blighted lot, providing affordable housing, attracting new retailers, and providing benefits to community-serving organizations. For these reasons, I hope to see this project approved and under construction soon.

Sincerely,



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