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Mr. Anthony Hood  
Chairman  
District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200S  
Washington, DC 20001

**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 Ralph Brabham. 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 1543 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW -- which is two blocks away from the site of the project -- for 15 years. My husband and I also own two restaurants in Shaw, including Beau Thai Shaw, directly across 7<sup>th</sup> Street from the project site.

I support this this high-quality development project because it will be beneficial to all Shaw neighborhood stakeholders. Specifically, the proposed development will improve a number of vacant parcels and a parking lot that have been a hole in the neighborhood's fabric for as much as half a century. The project will provide new retail space and housing that is walkable to two Metro stations and will include approximately 14% affordable housing for households ranging from 30% AMI to 60% AMI. It will also provide much needed streetscape and alley improvements around the development site.

High Street met with the community 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.

This project will enhance our neighborhood by improving blighted lots, providing affordable housing, attracting new retailers, retaining an existing business, and providing benefits to community-serving organizations, including Shaw Main Streets and the Friends of Kennedy Playground. For these reasons, I hope to see this project approved and under construction soon.

Sincerely,



Ralph Brabham