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Good Morning,

Enclosed please find my letter of support for the Dance Loft PUD, Case No 21-18. I go into greater detail in the enclosed letter, but the long and short of it is this: The more I researched DC's comprehensive plan, the zoning regs, and the mayor's 2019 Housing Equity Report, the more I realized just how important and deeply-needed affordable housing is to our City and Ward. I urge the ANC and Zoning Board to support the PUD application.

Research shows, time and time again, that families struggling to pay high housing costs or who are experiencing housing instability suffer in terms of physical and mental health, and they don't have the opportunity for upward mobility for themselves and their families. **Providing them safe, affordable housing, in great neighborhoods changes that equation.**

I am a proud resident of Sixteenth Street Heights and I love our access to public transportation, pools, playgrounds, great public schools, parks, farmers' markets, and arts/dance spaces. My wife and I bought a house here to provide opportunities for my kids.

I can't stress enough that the MU-5A designation is contemplated by the Comprehensive Plan along this corridor and, most importantly, this project cannot sustain the intended number of affordable units without the MU-5A designation. The vocal opponents may say that they are for affordable projects, but not here, not in this fashion, and not in this density. It's a tall building, but even the comprehensive plan recognizes that we need more tall buildings in all neighborhoods in order to provide more housing stock.

Please don't let a vocal minority stop this project (or projects like it) when we can expand affordable housing and provide the Dance Loft's new residents the chance to thrive in a high-opportunity neighborhood. It's the equitable and right thing to do. Accordingly, I urge you all to support this project.

Thank you,

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