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To:

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District of Columbia Zoning Commission 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S Washington, DC 20001

## Dear Commissioners,

I live in the 16th Street Heights neighborhood and I am writing to express my strong support for the Dance Loft project. I have read the Office of Planning set down report and have also followed the neighborhood discussion over the last few months. In my view, this 5-story residential building (plus setback penthouse level) will bring a reasonable increase in density along a major commercial corridor such as 14th Street which will help improve the commercial vitality of establishments that serve our neighborhood here.

I am not qualified to comment on the technical requirements of the Comprehensive Plan and its recent amendments, but in my view, a building of this modest size would not be out of place in nearly any DC neighborhood.

Achieving retail and commercial vitality in our neighborhood (and in our city, more generally) requires some reasonable increase in density, especially along commercial corridors. Our city's health and our neighborhood's vitality, depend on the Zoning Commission taking seriously the need to implement the Comprehensive Plan amendments. We need projects like this, that address affordability in a balanced way, with mixed incomes and attractive architecture, that preserve the arts, that contribute

to commercial vitality, to make our city livable. I urge support for this project without dilution of the already modest proposed density.

Sincerely, Elena Glinskaya 5011 16th NW, Washington, DC