

July 7, 2022

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
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**Re: Z.C. Case No. 22-04
Application for Consolidated PUD and Related Map Amendment
Support Letter**

Dear Members of the Commission:

We are pleased to share our support for the above-referenced Planned Unit Development (PUD) application filed by Hanover R.S. Limited Partnership. The proposed PUD would bring smart development to an area close to the metro balancing the needs for increased density, traffic safety, and improvements to the pedestrian safety. We also appreciate that the project's design keeps the height and density oriented toward the train tracks, with the building between Franklin and Evarts Streets being kept under five stories. We would have liked to see that building lower to be better situated behind two-story homes but appreciate that Hanover did reduce the height from what was originally planned based on feedback from neighbors.

The new buildings will fit well within the surrounding context and will not overwhelm adjacent neighborhoods. In addition, we support the PUD benefits, especially the affordable housing and the various contributions that will support several important organizations that serve our area. Finally, we also support the street and alley closing and dedication application, which results in significant improvements to the surrounding road network, including the realignment of Reed Street and the creation of sidewalks and pedestrian-friendly streetscape.

Finally, we would like to share that despite accusations throughout the process to the contrary, Hanover has been heavily engaging the residents within 200' of the project, much to our satisfaction as a resident at 902 Evarts St. NE. We hope this engagement will continue, particularly to mitigate the impact of construction on surrounding residents.

Ultimately, we are hopeful that the Commission will approve this PUD application. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Julia Hurley and Erik Schmidt in blue ink.

Julia Hurley & Erik Schmidt
902 Evarts St. NE Residents