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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
1100 4th Street, SW, Suite E650
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To the Members of the DC Zoning Commission:

I write to withdraw my letter of opposition (dated December 15, 2022) for proposal of ZC 22-06, 899 9th St., SW. Following several meetings and modifications to the project that address some of the concerns raised, I believe this project represents an improvement for the Southwest community and balances the shared goals of increased affordable housing at multiple income levels, space for incoming neighborhood-serving retail, and increasing the overall supply of housing within a high-demand neighborhood. These changes should be reflected in the most recent proposal submitted by the applicant.

The changes reflect additional affordability within the project itself to ensure more working families can call Southwest home with an additional 20 units of workforce housing – 27% more affordable units than initially approved. In addition, the project includes community benefits to improve the flow of traffic in the corridor, specifically a traffic study for mitigating traffic exiting 395. Based on the study and analysis of the traffic challenges at this intersection, I will commit to engaging the DC Department of Transportation to make necessary changes to improve the public space and better control traffic demands. And further, to continue addressing nearby affected residents in Capitol Square at the Waterfront's very real concerns over cut-through traffic, the project will provide financial support that has been documented by third parties to sufficiently install traffic control devices.

I believe the final submission reflects a much-improved project and appreciate the collaboration to make these improvements.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Allen".

Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
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