

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER TRAYON WHITE

September 27, 2017

Mr. Matthew Marcou District Department of Transportation Public Space Regulations Division 55 M Street, SE, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20003

RE: The DDOT Public Space Permit Request #202701 Hearing

Dear Mr. Marcou:

I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed development of a 5 story, 1700 unit storage facility at 1401 22nd Street at the gateway to the Anacostia Park. My office has received a number of calls and visitors opposing storage facility. I have also met with members of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission who also oppose this development and has submitted resolution to state it objection.

It is in my opinion, that this proposed development will destroy our only recreational park area in Ward 8. It will destroy the character of our residential neighborhood, increase safety concerns for our pedestrians and cyclers in the neighborhood. And will cause an added safety hazard to our children en-route to and from Orr Elementary School and the Anacostia Park.

Rather than to approve a storage facility, I encourage the District of Columbia authoring body to rezone the lot to residential. It is my understanding that the developer initially agreed to this at a public meeting.

Please know that I stand in solidarity with the residents of Ward 8 in opposing this development. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Trayon White, Sr.

Councilmember, Ward 8

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