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TO: The Mayor’s Agent

SUBJECT: Letter of Support - Stage One of VMP P.U.D. Application of HPRB Submission Subject to Certain Specific Conditions and Modifications

ANC5E, at a properly noticed public meeting on 19 November, 2013, by a vote of ____ in favor, ___ opposed, and with ___ members present but ___ abstaining, voted to support Vision McMillan Partner’s - Stage One of VMP P.U.D. Application of HPRB Submission to Certain Specific Conditions and Modifications for the McMillan Sand Filtration Site, located at North Capitol Street and Michigan Avenue, NW as presented to the Historic Preservation Review Board on October 31, 2013. The Commission’s support of the project is predicated on working with the development team on the following issues:

- Continued development of a community benefits agreement that will be attached to the final Planned Unit Development application, and will include programming, funding and amenities that will benefit the community that surrounds the site;
- Ongoing work to resolve the traffic and transit issues that are a part of the growth of the neighborhood. VMP has pledged to continue to advocate for premium transit solutions to serve surrounding neighborhoods, provide a transit hub onsite, and relieve the traffic congestion on First Street and Channing Street creating an alternative route through the site and traffic relief lanes.
- Continued solicitation of input from the surrounding community. VMP has now met with the community over 180 times plus, soliciting input that was included in each refinement submitted to the Historic Preservation Review Board. The Commission expects for this community outreach to continue as the project moves forward to the Mayor’s Agent and Zoning Commission.

In addition to the ongoing negotiation with VMP, the Commission is aware of HPRB’s recent vote to accept the project’s Master Plan. The ANC is cognizant of the HPO staff report, which the Board accepted, praised the plan as containing “concept designs represent an architecturally coordinated and cohesive approach that specifically relates to the character of the McMillan site.”

Finally, the plan will preserve every silo, washer, sand bin, and change house while also preserving Cell 14, a portion of Cell 28, fully restore and amplify the Olmstead Walk, and provide a 6.25 acre park with a community center and pool that will be available for the use of all neighborhood residents. In light of all of this information, with the above listed caveats, the Commission supports the forward movement of the project to the Mayor’s Agent and Zoning Commission.

Respectfully Submitted By

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