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May 8, 2014

Mr. Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson
DC Zoning Commission
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Case No. 13-13

Dear Chairperson Hood and Commission Members:

I write to express my support for The Oxbridge Group's proposed amendment to the Zoning Map by rezoning Lots 42, 43, 44, 45, and 830 in Square 3831 from a commercial (C-M-1) district to a residential (R-4) district (Zoning Case #13-13).

The Oxbridge Group has gained unanimous support from ANC 5E, as well as support from the Brookland Civic Association and ANC 5B for its proposed amendment to the Zoning Map. The letters from Chairperson Pinkney of ANC 5E04, Tom Bridge, President of the Brookland Civic Association, and Chairperson Rivens-Smith of ANC 5C01, are the product of the continuous engagement and commitment on the part of The Oxbridge Group and its President Mr. Elliot Totah, to community-based development.

I have reviewed the details of Mr. Totah's proposed zoning map amendment as well as multiple letters from various supporters and affected organizations. Based on my review, I believe the map amendment is appropriate. I note that Lots 42, 43, 44, 45, and 830 in Square 3831 were historically used for residential purposes. Therefore, confirming the proposed zoning map amendment is not only consistent with the historical use of these properties, it is also consistent with the Brookland/CUA Metro Small Area Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

I am pleased to offer my support for The Oxbridge Group's proposed zoning map amendment. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kenyan R. McDuffie
Councilmember, Ward 5
Council Chair Pro Tempore
Chair, Committee on Government Operations