



**NATIONAL
LANDING**

PENTAGON CITY

CRYSTAL CITY

POTOMAC YARD

July 25, 2023

Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 700
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Minor Site Plan Amendment for Crystal House 6 at 1900 S. Eads St. (SPLA23-00039, SP #451)

Dear Emma Watson:

On behalf of the Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard business community, the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) expresses its support for approval of the proposed minor site plan amendment for Crystal House 6 at 1900 S. Eads St. (SPLA23-00039, SP #451).

The BID prides itself on its commitment to expanding economic opportunity, elevating diversity, and representation, fostering inclusion in community-building, and advancing racial equity in its programs and practice. The project's transition to affordable units and the increase to 80 residential units makes great progress toward solving the region's affordable housing crisis while providing housing opportunities for traditionally underserved populations.

National Landing is the largest walkable downtown in the Commonwealth of Virginia with numerous sustainable transportation options: Metrorail, Metrobus, ART, VRE, and Capital Bikeshare, along with a myriad of dockless mobility devices. We applaud the decrease in parking spaces from 63 to 37 which is in conformance with the County Board-approved guidance around reductions in parking for affordable housing within proximity of metro and transit. It also supports one of Arlington County Commuter Services (ACCS) Transportation Demand Management Plan goals to support community culture where individuals embrace getting around by transit, biking, walking, and sharing the ride as a way of life.

We look forward to this site plan amendment being approved.

Sincerely,

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