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Dear Mr. Urquia,

My name is Samuel Lawson, I've lived at 450 Camilo Avenue for 8 years, and I'd like to make a comment

regarding the agenda item 21-2696 1 G.-19., which is a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Anderson to implement a process to allow the public to provide written input on projects during an established comment period prior to Development Review Committee and Board of Architects meetings

First, thank you for being such a highly supportive commission, being so open-minded and encouraging public discussion and input, and giving the public the sense and feeling that you're actually listening and considering. We appreciate that.

I am fully in support of this resolution, as it makes complete sense. As we've seen with The Plaza and the recent project proposal by Allen Morris, the public was and has been very opposed to some large development ideas. Much better that the public can voice it's opinion early in the process, rather than wait until the project is near final approvals. This will be a far more "inclusive" process.

Also, there needs to be a clear and effective process to make the public aware of such development projects and not miss the opportunity to understand what is being proposed and the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the written record. This would actually be a win/win for everyone at every level, because later there would be no excuses if a project went up that "everyone" did not have the opportunity to express themselves and participate, which would diffuse the feeling of not being included and any hostility.

Last, I think if you pass this resolution, it won't be that laborious for the BOA and the Development Review Committee to consider. I think at the end of the day, you won't get that many comments, if only approximately 25+ people commented publicly recently over the Allen Morris project, I would be surprised if you get too much input. But, even if you got 100 or 200 comments, it would not take that much time to review them and digest what could be some critical input.

Thank you for considering this proposal, and

Thank you,  
Samuel Lawson