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Mayor Adrian M. Fenty
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington DC, 20004

An Appeal from a Unified Mount Pleasant – Proposed Mount Pleasant Library Renovations

Dear Mayor Fenty,

As organizations deeply committed to the success of our Ward One library in Mount Pleasant, we ask that you pause the process pertaining to the current library renovation plans and engage the community in real, meaningful community discussion and input into the library's design process. The proposed design reflects no meaningful consultation within Ward One about the significant changes under consideration for the library. The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts has asked for more design options to consider, and the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board will now schedule a hearing of its own.

DCPL has allowed no substantial community involvement of Mount Pleasant or the broader Ward One communities in their architectural design of an important public building in an historic district. The following important issues need to be addressed:

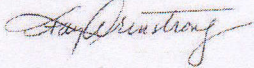
- Use of available space
- Aesthetic appearance
- Public safety and access/egress from adjoining buildings
- Efficient use of tax dollars

We would be happy to provide you with more in depth information on each bulleted item.

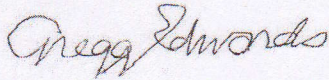
We have an opportunity to engage the DCPL at the Mount Pleasant Library on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m. and we hope you can be there to support us.



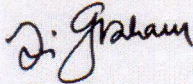
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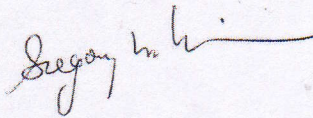
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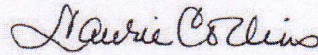
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JGJ Properties



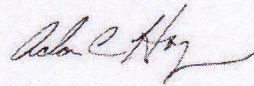
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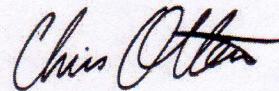
Laurie Collins, President
Mount Pleasant Neighborhood Alliance



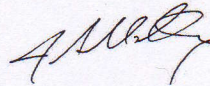
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Mount Pleasant Condominium Association



Adam Hoey, President
Mount Pleasant Main Street



Chris Otten, Commissioner
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Jack McKay, Commissioner
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