Mr. David Corliss, City Manager

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Re: 800 Block Request for City Parking

As you know, there has been a recent request for development rights for the City owned parking lot located at 8<sup>th</sup> & Vermont. On behalf of my investment group, Ninth & New Hampshire, LLC, I want to note that if the City determines to permit this kind of development, then it is in the public interest to open such development opportunities to competition for any developer that has demonstrated financial capability and who will provide the greatest benefit for the downtown area in terms of retail development, tax base, investment, and architectural vision for the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Pry Truly Yours

Douglas I. Compton