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Nancy J. MacWood, Chair
The Committee of 100 on the Federal City
945 G Street NW
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VIA E-MAIL: info@committeeof100.net

RE: Support for Eastern Market as Recipient of 2014 Vision Award

Dear Ms. MacWood:

We are writing to offer our enthusiastic support for Eastern Market as the recipient of a 2014 Committee of 100 Vision Award, applied for by the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. This position was taken at a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B with a quorum present and was adopted by a vote of 10-0.

Eastern Market sits at the geographic center of our commission and for the last 140 years in its current location has been a mainstay for community life on Capitol Hill. While many historic assets in our community and City have been preserved or maintained, outside of the key federal entities that have served at the core of our democracy, Eastern Market represents one of the few if not only institutions that has maintained not only its form, but its original purpose and impact on the community.

Eastern Market is just as alive now as a continuing facet of community life as it was when first established by Thomas Jefferson in 1805. From parents to family farmers, artisans and performers, to civic life and fine food purveyors, this market is living breathing history that should be a national example of preservation.

This accomplishment has not been by accident. Through economic struggles, fires, civil unrest and the general tests of time, preservation of Eastern Market as it was first conceived has been a dedicated effort by the Community and our City's leaders. It is in this respect that the Vision Award makes so much sense for the market. This award is deserved for the vision, effort and tenacity of all those who have preserved the vision of this market and tenaciously stewarded its legacy and its future.

We are grateful for the opportunity to endorse this application and appreciate your consideration of its merits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Flahaven", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Flahaven
Chair