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District of Columbia Office of Zoning
Attn: Sharon Schellin
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Suite 220-South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Via: Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installation and Logistics
(Facilities-LF)

Dear Ms. Schellin:

I request the record for Case No. 03-12-G/03-13G for properties located in Squares No. 769 and 882, Capper/Carrollsborg Venture LLC and the D.C. Housing Authority be reopened so that the following comments can be included.

As a commander of a military installation, I have serious concerns regarding the proposal for the northern portion of Square 882. Current zoning limits the height of buildings to 45 feet. The proposal allows building heights to be increased to 60 feet. The increase will have long-term, irreversible, and potentially negative consequences affecting the ability of the Marine Corps to maintain appropriate anti-terrorism and force protection for Marine Barracks Washington; specifically, the barracks facilities located across the street from the site.

Additionally, I am concerned about the proposal relative to the southern portion of Square 882. As proposed, the rezoning would allow buildings on the southern half of the parcel to be increased from a height of 50 feet to a height of 92 feet. The height increase also potentially degrades our ability to ensure the safety and security of personnel living and working at Marine Barracks Washington.

Marine Barracks Washington has a long record of working with the District of Columbia to find mutually beneficial solutions to our shared land use concerns. I believe we can work together to resolve the issues presented by the rezoning of Square 882. Please confirm that the Zoning Commission will accept these comments into the public record for the zoning action. Please contact Major Peter Dahl at (202) 433-6269 or peter.dahl@usmc.mil if you have questions regarding these comments. I look forward to working with you to resolve this matter.

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