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THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

June 15, 2005,

Mr. Anthony Hood
Vice Chair
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Ste. 200
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Letter of Support for Application Case No. 05-03 for Consolidated PUD and Related Map Amendment Approval for the Anacostia Gateway Government Center

Dear Mr. Hood:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Anacostia Gateway Government Center. As the Ward 8 Councilmember, I am encouraged by the plans for the government center. It is an important step in the continued effort to bring economic development and opportunities to this area.

The fact that the District government is locating a major agency in Anacostia is an important step in sharing the benefits that result from having government offices in a local area. As the new home for the District Department of Transportation, Anacostia and its residents will benefit from DDOT employees, contractors and visitors patronizing local stores and bring commercial growth to the area. This new influx of consumers to the area will stimulate growth in the area to the benefit of Ward 8 and the City as a whole.

I have seen the design for the building and believe that it is aesthetically pleasing and will result in an appropriate landmark befitting the entrance to Anacostia. I am looking forward to the day when we will have a new gateway welcoming residents, workers and visitors to a new and revitalized Anacostia. Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Marion Barry
Councilmember, Ward 8

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CASE NO. 05-03
EXHIBIT NO. 20