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**Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 05-38
PUD and Zoning Map Amendment Application
Letter of Support for the Redevelopment of
Marina View Towers**

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Zoning Commission:

I believe that the Planned Unit Development and Zoning Map Amendment project for the Marina View Towers property is an important component of the revitalization of the Southwest neighborhood. I respectfully request that my unqualified support for this application be accepted into the record of this case.

I believe that the Applicant has been very responsive to concerns and issues raised by the tenants of Marina View Towers, as well as various District agencies and officials and members of the surrounding community and community organizations. The project is of a size and height that is appropriate for the site and surrounding area.

I also believe that the proposed rezoning is considerate of the adjacent properties and the impact that it will have on the existing property owners. I also think that the proposed changes are in keeping with the plans for the area such as the waterfront improvements, developments along M Street SW and SE at the Waterside Mall and Southeast Federal Center, and the new baseball stadium.

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In conclusion, approval of this project will also provide a number of desired amenities for the tenants of Marina View as well as surrounding community and will significantly support the city's commitment to improving the importance and quality of life of the Southwest area.

Sincerely,

Brett D. Martin, Ph.D.
cc: ANC 6D (202)-404-6050