

ZONING COMMISSION CASE NO. 05-38
FAIRFIELD RESIDENTIAL'S PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF MARINA VIEW TOWERS

**TESTIMONY OF GUY BERGQUIST OF
ARENA STAGE**

CHAIRPERSON MITTEN AND MEMBERS OF THE ZONING COMMISSION, MY NAME IS GUY BERGQUIST. I AM THE FACILITY PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR ARENA STAGE. I COME BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF FAIRFIELD RESIDENTIAL'S PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION.

OTHERS, THIS EVENING, WILL ATTEST TO FAIRFIELD'S QUALITIES AS A CORPORATE CITIZEN AND ITS COMMUNITY AMENITIES PACKAGE WHICH SUPPORTS EDUCATION, THE PARK AND LIBRARY IN OUR SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD. CIVIC LEADERS AND MARINA VIEW TENANTS WILL REPORT ON THE EXTENSIVE EFFORT THE DEVELOPER HAS MADE TO ENGAGE ITS TENANTS AND THE COMMUNITY IN THIS PROCESS. WHAT I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT IS FAIRFIELD'S ROLE AS A CORPORATE NEIGHBOR TO ARENA STAGE. MARINA VIEW TOWERS IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM ARENA. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT WHAT IS DEVELOPED COMPLIMENTS THE EXTRAORDINARY DESIGN PLANNED FOR THE ARENA STAGE RENNOVATION AND EXPANSION. WE HAVE REVIEWED FAIRFIELD'S PLANS AND APPLAUD THEIR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN. THE UNIQUE ARTICULATION OF THE NEW NORTH AND SOUTH BUILDINGS ADD GRACEFUL DESIGN TO THE CORNER OF

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SIXTH AND M STREET, AND THROUGH THE USE OF GLASS AND LIGHT, ADD A SPECIAL ACCENT TO THE ARENA STAGE DESTINATION. IN ADDITION TO THESE DESIGN FEATURES, WE WELCOME THE SIT-DOWN RESTAURANT PLANNED FOR THE STREET LEVEL IN THE RETAIL COMPONENT OF THE SOUTH TOWER. HAVING A RESTAURANT IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY TO OUR THEATER, WILL ENHANCE THE ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE OF OUR AUDIENCE.

FAIRFIELDS' PROPOSAL ADDRESSES ANOTHER KEY ISSUE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD; PARKING. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN TO ARENA STAGE, KNOW THAT PARKING CAN BE QUITE CHALLENGING. FAIRFIELD'S PLAN TO CONSTRUCT TWO UNDERGROUND GARAGES WILL BE A WELCOME ADDITION. THESE GARAGES WILL OFFER A PLACE TO PARK FOR TENANTS, CONDO OWNERS, RESTAURANT CLIENTELE AND HOPEFULLY FOR A FEW ARENA STAGE PATRONS AS WELL.

I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD, AUDIENCE, AND STAFF OF ARENA STAGE WILL BENEFIT FROM FAIRFIELDS PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF MARINA VIEW TOWERS AND WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY RECOMMEND YOUR APPROVAL. THANK YOU