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October 31, 2008

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Marriott International, Inc., Z.C. Case No. 08-13
Consolidated PUD, Map Amendment and Air Space Development
Approval

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

On behalf of the Washington Convention Center Authority ("WCCA"), I respectfully urge the Zoning Commission's approval of the above-referenced application for the development of the Marriott Marquis Convention Center Hotel.

WCCA is pleased to partner with the District and Marriott International, Inc. for this important project. The Convention Center Hotel will provide necessary hospitality and retail services to visitors of the Convention Center; and the redevelopment of the subject property will enhance the identity and image of the Convention Center area as a civic and cultural destination for residents, visitors and businesses alike. For these reasons, the hotel is critical to the advancement of the Convention Center as a world-class convention venue.

The Convention Center and the hotel will work in concert on several levels. The hotel architecture was refined to compliment that of the Convention Center; an underground pedestrian connector will provide safe and convenient access between the two facilities; and the hotel and Convention Center will share an entrance and access drive to underground loading areas. These improvements and other terms of the hotel development resulted from many months of cooperative efforts by the District, Marriott and WCCA.

We ask that you support our efforts to bring the development of Square 370 and the Convention Center Hotel to fruition for the betterment of the Convention Center and the city as a whole.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. O'Dell

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