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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Zoning Commission for
The District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 210
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**Re: Marriott International, Inc. - Consolidated PUD, Map Amendment and Air Space Development / Lots 18, 21, 22, 24, 801 through 806, 830 through 839, 843 and 845 and a Private Alley to be Closed in Square 370
Z.C. Case No. 08-13 / Supplemental Filing**

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

Attached please find 20 copies of a letter from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development in support of the above-referenced application, which is scheduled for November 24, 2008.

Please make this a part of our supplemental filing and part of the public record.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F (via U.S. Mail, w/ enc.)
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RE: Marriott International, Inc., Z.C. Case No. 08-13
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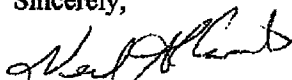
Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development supports the Zoning Commission's approval of Case No. 08-13 for the development of the Marriott Marquis Convention Center Hotel.

The construction of the Convention Center Hotel in Square 370 is a top economic development priority for the City and advances several objectives of the Comprehensive Plan. Foremost, the hotel is a critical ancillary use to the Convention Center, offering a range of hospitality and retail services for Convention Center visitors. Also, the project design includes the American Federation of Labor Building, a National Historic Landmark, listed on the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites, and the National Register of Historic Places, which will be restored and renovated to house 42 distinctive guestrooms and a public restaurant/bar at the street level. Finally, because of its prominent location at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and 9th Street, N.W., the Convention Center Hotel will be a hallmark of the revitalization of Mount Vernon Square and will promote the continued redevelopment of the surrounding areas.

The District has worked with Marriott International and the Washington Convention Center Authority on the development of this hotel project for several years. The Zoning Commission and the Office of Planning have also enacted supporting legislation and, along with the Department of Transportation, have provided valuable input on the project design. Thus, the application before the Zoning Commission represents the collaborative efforts and expertise of many committed to ensuring the best possible development for our great city. It is for these reasons that we look forward to the Zoning Commission's continued support of the Convention Center Hotel application.

Sincerely,



Neil Albert