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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 18, 2008

Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: **Marriott Marquis Convention Center Headquarters Hotel**
901 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001

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Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Washington Convention Center Authority Advisory Committee (WCCA Advisory Committee), I hereby submit this letter in support of the development of the Marriott Marquis Convention Center Headquarters Hotel project.

The WCCA Advisory Committee was established by legislation in 1994 to provide community input to the Washington Convention Center Authority during the construction of our new Convention Center. In 2004, the legislation was amended to continue the efforts of the Advisory Committee during the operation of the new Convention Center and to address other issues relating to the operation of the Convention Center, which are likely to have an impact on the community. As such, the legislation for the proposed convention center headquarters hotel designates the WCCA Advisory Committee as Marriott International's liaison to the community during the approval, pre-construction and opening phases of the hotel.

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Over the past year, the WCCA Advisory Committee has been actively involved in the concept development phase of the Headquarters Hotel, facilitating several briefings and presentations by Marriott International that presented details about the development to the community. Notifications of the briefings and presentations were sent to over 300 individuals and groups in the Washington Convention Center Authority's community e-mail database, which includes representatives of the Executive Office of the Mayor, all Council members, area business owners, tourism officials, and residents residing in the impacted areas. Briefing notices sent to Shaw-area civic groups and organizations included, but were not limited to the following:

Shaw-Area Community Leaders, Civic Groups and Organizations

1330 Tenant Association
ANC 2C (Commissioners Chapple and Padro)
ANC 2F (Chairman Reed, Commissioners Trock and Bernardo)
Blagden Alley / Naylor Court Community Association
Cardozo Shaw Neighborhood Association
Chinatown Community Cultural Center
Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
Chinatown Revitalization Council
Chinatown Steering Committee
Convention Center Community Association
Cultural Tourism DC
Downtown Cluster of Congregations
Downtown Neighborhood Association
East Central Civic Association
Immaculate Conception School
Logan Circle Community Association
Mount Vernon Business Alliance
Mount Vernon Square Neighborhood Association
Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District
ONE DC
Penn Quarter Neighborhood Association

Quincy Court Condominium Association
Rhode Island Ave to P Street Neighborhood Association
Shaw Main Streets
The Whitman Condominiums
United House of Prayer Property Management
WCCA Retail Tenants

Churches

Asbury United Methodist Church
Calvary Baptist Church
Chinese Community Church
Immaculate Conception Church
Mount Vernon Methodist Church
Scripture Cathedral Church
Shiloh Baptist Church
United House of Prayer

Additionally, Marriott International provides an update at each of the WCCA Advisory's regular bi-monthly meetings and addresses questions and concerns raised by the Advisory Committee and the community. This process will continue throughout the development and construction of the proposed hotel.

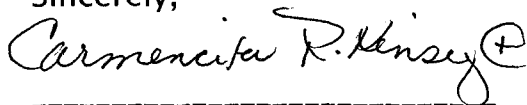
Overall, the community has favorably supported the design concept for the project, feeling that the hotel is a major piece in the final renovation and development of the Ninth Street corridor. The community looks forward to the hotel's completion. The community has expressed concern that the design reflects the historic nature of the neighborhood and that the traffic plan presents the least possible disruption within the residential neighborhood, but the presentations by Marriott seem to have addressed these matters. Marriott has been extremely responsive and proactive in addressing all concerns.

The WCCA Advisory Committee concurs with the community's comments and supports the Marriott Marquis Convention Center Headquarters Hotel project

development. The WCCA Advisory Committee further recommends that the Zoning Commission approve the pending application for the development of this project.

Should you have any questions regarding our recommendation or support of this project, please feel free to call me via Theresa DuBois, Liaison to WCCA Advisory Committee at 202.249-3042 or you may email me at crk153@aol.com, and I will be delighted to discuss this matter further with you.

Sincerely,



Carmencita R. Kinsey
Chair
WCCA Advisory Committee

Copies to: WCCA Advisory Committee Members
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The Honorable Vincent C. Gray, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Kwame R. Brown, Chair-Committee on Economic Development, Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Jack Evans, Ward 2 Councilmember, Council of the District of Columbia

File Copy to: Theresa DuBois, WCCA External Affairs Manager and Liaison to the WCCA Advisory Committee