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**Board of
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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington DC 200051

President
Cary Silverman

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

**Second
Vice President**
*William Horton
Beebe-Center*

Dear Chairman Hood:

**Corresponding
Secretary**
Nicole Manara

This letter is to inform you that the Mount Vernon Square Neighborhood Association enthusiastically supports the development of the proposed Marriott Marquis Convention Center Hotel. Our members live immediately east of the proposed site. After reviewing the PUD application, our membership voted unanimously to support the plan at our regularly scheduled monthly meeting on November 18, 2008.

**Recording
Secretary**
Jefferson Parke

We believe that a vibrant and green streetscape is essential to this project. We are pleased that the current plan envisions a corner bar, a coffee shop, and a sports grill opening onto Ninth Street, in addition to a specialty restaurant on Massachusetts Avenue and Tenth Street and full-service restaurant mid-block on L Street. It is particularly important that the design maximize pedestrian traffic by facilitating engagement with the street. In order to achieve its maximum potential for revitalization of the surrounding neighborhood, the Convention Center hotel must link the downtown area with businesses north of M Street NW as well as the City Market at O project between Seventh and Ninth Streets and O and P Streets NW.

Treasurer
Rob Amos

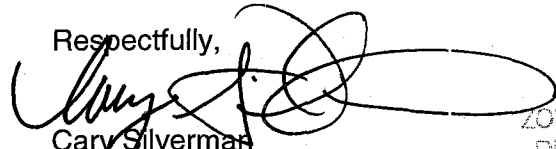
We are also pleased that the proposed building should be eligible for LEED Silver certification.

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During construction, the hotel should maintain pedestrian access and minimize the impact on nearby businesses. In addition, the Washington Convention Center Authority and hotel should undertake more aggressive marketing efforts of neighborhood businesses to conventioners including placement of business directories and maps at all major intersections and outside exit points of the convention center.

The MVSNA would like the opportunity to further review and comment on the proposed design as it develops.

Thank you for considering our views. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the Washington Convention Center Authority, Marriott, and the Zoning Commission to move this exciting project to fruition.

Respectfully,

Cary Silverman
President

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