

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



JAN - 8 2009

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W.
Room 200
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Zoning Commission Application for a Zoning Map Amendment and Planned Unit Development for Parcel 121/31 (Michigan Avenue and Irving Streets, NE), Washington, DC (the "Property")

Dear Members of the Commission:

The District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD") is the District of Columbia agency that has jurisdictional responsibility for the Property in the District, including disposition by long term lease. This letter, in keeping with the terms and conditions of the lease agreement, between the District of Columbia and Conference Center Associates, LLC (the "LLC"), dated the 11th day of May, 2007, covering the Property, authorizes the LLC, represented by Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP law firm to file the above-referenced application and appear before the Zoning commission to defend the application, as legally permitted.

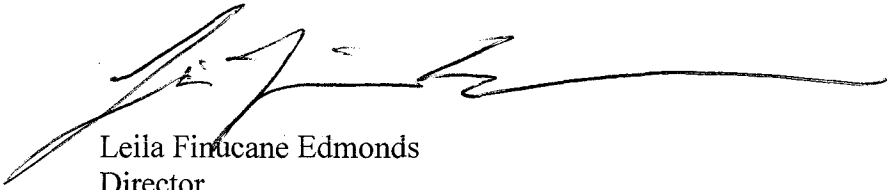
It is understood and agreed that this letter in no way obligates or intends to obligate the District of Columbia, as represented by the Department of Housing and Community Development, in any manner that is not covered in the aforementioned lease agreement covering the use of the Property. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the lease agreement, the LLC has the right to use and occupy the premises for the purposes described in the application for a zoning change.

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If there are any questions concerning the application or the lease terms, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Thackaberry of DHCD or Andrew Earl Ridley, Assistant Attorney General of the District of Columbia ("OAG"), on 202/442-7200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leila Finucane Edmonds', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leila Finucane Edmonds
Director

cc: Jim Thackaberry, DHCD
Andrew Earl Ridley, OAG