WASHINGTON
CONVENTION CENTER

February 11, 2004

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: The Former Convention Center Project Site also known as 900 9th Street, NW
(Squares 344, 373 and 374; U.S. Park Reservation 174 and The Portion of 10th & I Streets, NW Within the Subarea)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the applicants, the Washington Convention Center Authority and the Government of the District of Columbia, acting by and through its Office of Property Management, enclosed please find an original and twenty copies of the Application (Form 125) for a special exception with regard to the above referenced property. In addition, we have attached an original and one copy of address labels as required by the application form.

In support of the application, an original and twenty copies of the following are attached:

A. Zoning Self Certification Form (Form 135)

B. Plat of the Site

C. Detailed Statement of Existing and Intended Use

D. Detailed Statement as to How the Application Meets the Specific Tests Identified in the Zoning Regulations for Special Exception

E. Color Photographs

F. Names and Mailing Addresses of Property Owners within 200 feet

G. Name of Lessees – None

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The application form requires that a copy of the Certificate of Occupancy for the existing use be attached to the application. The former Convention Center was constructed by the District of Columbia's Department of Public Works. At that point in time, the Department of Public Works was not required to obtain a certificate of occupancy as it was an organizational unit of the District of Columbia. As such, a copy of the certificate of occupancy is not attached.

As you may be aware, the former Convention Center site is owned by the District of Columbia. The Council of the District of Columbia recently authorized the District to enter into a groundlease with the Washington Convention Center Authority (WCCA) which would permit WCCA to develop and operate a parking lot on the site. The terms of the groundlease are being finalized and we expect that it will be signed in the near future. The District of Columbia, acting by and through its Office of Property Management, has authorized WCCA to act as its agent in connection with the special exception application. This letter authorizes WCCA and Mr. Bailey, its General Counsel, to act as the District's agent with regard to this application.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 249-3036.

Sincerely,

Washington Convention Center Authority

Claude E. Bailey
General Counsel

District of Columbia, acting by and through its Office of Property Management

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