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Re: BZA Application 17145, Washington Convention Site

Dear Ms. Kress,

As Vice President and Managing Director of the Grand Hyatt Washington, located at Tenth and H Streets, N.W., I represent one of the largest abutting neighbors of the old Washington Convention Center site and am writing in support of the application by the Washington Convention Center Authority (WCCA) and the District of Columbia government seeking zoning relief for the former convention center site.

I believe that the proposed interim plan for the old Convention Center site will bring both function and life to a location that is now a drain on the neighborhood and one which we caution the Grand Hyatt's guests to avoid after dark. The provision for short-term parking will significantly relieve the traffic and parking pressures in the neighborhoods surrounding the new Convention Center. Additionally, the proposed lot will provide much needed parking for hotel guests and attendees of special events at our hotel. For convention guests, the proposed lot will provide an attractive and convenient access way between our hotel and the Washington Convention Center as well.

Washington, D.C. is a world-class city that is, as you know, on a very positive up swing. This interim use of the old Convention Center site is just one more very positive sign of all the significant progress our great city is making.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the zoning relief being requested for this site by the WCCA and the District government. If you are in need of additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marc W. Ellin

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