Foggy Bottom and West End
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2A)

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Carol J. Mitten, Chairperson
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Response to IMF's Request for Consent Calendar to IMF HQ2 PUD, ZC Case No. 01-13C-Order No. 960 (Revised)

Dear Chairperson Mitten:

At its regular monthly public meeting, properly noticed and with a quorum present, on October 14, 2004, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (ANC-2A), was asked by representatives of the IMF to support an amendment to the amenity package of the above-cited case. Among other things, this amendment included payment for a new design for National Park Service benches for pocket parks adjacent to the project and an additional park far removed from the immediate area. Mr. John Schlichting of Carr-America, who was representing the IMF, said he would be returning to the Zoning Commission for approval of this change. With five of the six commissioners present, the ANC voted unanimously to oppose this change and to go on record as disapproving this plan.

As members of the Commission should recall, the ANC-2A opposed this massive project and its so-called PUD community amenities, including a $1 million donation to the city's Housing Production Trust Fund. With the exception of tree replacement-with no provision for accompanying tree maintenance-throughout ANC-2A, none of these IMF PUD benefits will apply to the negatively-impacted area of ANC2A-01. ANC-2A strongly opposes using neighborhood amenity funds to subsidize the National Park Service-a federally-funded agency-in its upkeep and equipment provision responsibilities in federal parks. This kind of subsidy of federal parks with community funding would support Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's contention that these parks should be removed from NPS purview and returned to the District of Columbia.

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Since there is an acknowledged homeless problem in the immediate vicinity of the IMF PUD related to these parks, the ANC voted to suggest to the ZC an alternative plan for the grant of $250,000. The ANC suggests that these funds be earmarked and given to the Downtown Cluster of Congregations (DCCC)-an organization with a long and successful track record of working with the homeless in downtown DC. Further, ANC-2A suggested that the funds could be used to hire a case manager for the immediate vicinity of the IMF PUD in the Foggy Bottom area to work with the homeless persons in the parks. The motion included a provision that the DCCC be required to submit quarterly reports to the ANC on its efforts and the progress being made.

The ANC did approve the IMF's request for a timing change to allow the DCRA to issue a Certificate of Occupancy for the IMF PUD project once money has been given to Green Spaces to complete phase one of the amenity donation.

The ANC did not anticipate that the IMF would file this modification as a request for approval under the Consent Calendar or that it would come before the ZC in such a manner that the ANC would not have a chance to present its point of view. The ANC strongly opposes the modifications and also opposes Consent Calendar approval, effectively preventing the ANC and the community from making their case for a more appropriate settlement in a public hearing.

The ANC further moved that Dorothy Miller, Chairperson, represent the ANC at the Zoning Commission proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Miller

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission, 2A