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Carol J. Mitten
Chairman, Zoning Commission
DC Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case Number 01-36C, Consolidated PUD and Map Amendment @ Square S5868, Lot 1- Unified Communications Center

Dear Chairman Mitten:

I am writing to you regarding the Unified Communications Center (UCC) project being proposed for the East Campus of St. Elizabeth's that the Zoning Commission is scheduled to hold a hearing on April 18, 2002. The purpose of this letter is to request that the Zoning Commission approve the Consolidated PUD and proposed Map Amendment. And allow this important project to proceed. I support this project because it will provide public safety, customer service and neighborhood revitalization/economic development benefits to Ward Eight and the District as a whole.

The Unified Communications Center will be much more than just another government building. It is an opportunity for Ward Eight residents to receive short and long-term tangible benefits resulting from a state of the art technology and public safety initiative like the UCC.

The campus at St. Elizabeth's has long been an underdeveloped and underutilized area of land in Ward Eight. The UCC can serve as an anchor for future responsible development on the East Campus of St. Elizabeth's and our entire community. Much like the Reeves Center did for rebuilding the U Street Corridor; the UCC can serve as a catalyst for further economic development east of the river. The UCC will bring contracting and apprenticeship opportunities to Ward Eight and local, small and disadvantaged business in the construction, electrical, information technology, and telecommunications trades, as well as career opportunities.

I write to ask that the Zoning Commission approve the Consolidated PUD and proposed Map Amendment at the zoning hearing scheduled for April 18, 2002. I strongly support the UCC Project, and ask that the Zoning Commission do likewise.

Sincerely,

Sandra C. "Sandy" Allen

Cc: Anthony Hood, Vice Chair, James Hannaham, Commissioner, Peter May, Commissioner, John Parsons, Commissioner

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