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Ms Carol J. Mitten
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REF: Zoning Commission Case Number 0
1-36C Consolidated PUD and Map Amendment @ Squan S5868, Lot 1-Unified Communications Center

Dear Chairman Mitten:

I am writing with regards to the Unified Communications Center (UCC) project that has been proposed for the East Campus of St. Elizabeth's. I understand that the Zoning Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing on April 18, 2002. I am forwarding this letter to you in order to express my complete support for this project. I feel that this project will not only benefit public safety and customer service, but also provide revitalization and economic benefits to the citizens of Ward 8.

As the Principal of Ballou Senior High School, I have a vested interest in the development of Ward 8 and its youth. Ballou is a strong information technology center, and there will be enormous potential to form mentoring partnerships with the development of this technologically advanced facility. Two of our seniors, Trayon White and Roland Williams, recently completed a four-week internship assisting with the design review activities of the UCC. Additionally, there will be opportunities for interns to continue the program throughout the summer. With this strong community outreach being extended in the early stages of the project, I am very encouraged that this project will prove to become a vital part of our community.

I have seen and share the vision of the UCC. It will serve as a much needed catalyst to help develop the underutilized land on St. Elizabeth's. It should easily bring contracting and apprenticeship opportunities to local, Small and Disavantaged Business as well as provide career opportunities to the residents.

It is for these reasons that I am in full support of this project, and request that the Zoning commission approve the proposed amendment at the zoning hearing.

Please contact me at 202-645-3400 if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Art Bridges
Principal

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

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