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Carol J. Mitten
Chairman, Zoning Commission
D.C. Office of Zoning
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Washington, D.C. 20001

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

Dear Chairman Mitten:

We are writing to you regarding the Unified Communications Center (UCC) project being proposed for the East Campus of St. Elizabeths, currently scheduled for a Zoning Commission Hearing on April 18, 2002. The purpose of this letter is to request that the Zoning Commission approve the proposed amendment and allow this critical public safety project to proceed. We strongly support this project because it will provide much needed and enhanced public safety, customer service, emergency preparedness and neighborhood revitalization benefits to Ward 8, and the District as a whole.

The UCC will be much more than just another government building. It will provide the opportunity for Ward 8 residents to realize tangible service delivery improvements resulting from a state-of-the-art technology and public safety initiative like the UCC.

The timing is critical in light of our current need to update existing 911 and emergency management response facilities and equipment with new proven technology, as well as our need to prepare for and effectively manage events and emergencies like September 11th. Another important goal of the project is to improve the District's ability to recruit and retain persons for these critical public safety and citizen service request positions in order to provide a functional, reliable, safe and secure facility for the building specific functions/purposes.

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The new centralized, advanced-technology communications center for the District of Columbia will improve both emergency (especially the Fire/EMS and Police departments) and non-emergency service response to District constituents. Some of the improvements will be due to a common, centralized facility for different agencies having a strong need for similar advanced communications technology and coordination during emergencies and major events. Some of the improvements will be due to the new technology and refined business processes. Advanced proven technology, streamlined processes and a functional designed facility will provide for more effective and efficient operations among all public safety functions of the Unified Communications Center.

The new UCC will provide a major public safety benefit by improving emergency preparedness as well as response time by the Metropolitan Police, the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Departments and the Emergency Management Agency, through the consolidation and integration of critical public safety communications functions and refined business processes. These are obviously vital services, where faster responses save lives and property.

Moreover, as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, there is need to centrally manage emergencies and major events among various coordinating agencies. The UCC will also serve this critical function by providing the required reliability and security for the public safety and critical communication functions within the UCC. Finally, the UCC will provide a 24-hour public safety presence in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas

I write to ask that the Zoning Commission approve the proposed amendment at the April 18, 2002 zoning hearing. We strongly support the UCC project, and we ask that the Zoning Commission do so as well.

Please feel free to contact me at 202-727-4036 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Margret Nedelkoff Kellems, Esq.
Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

cc: Anthony Hood, Vice-Chair
James Hannaham, Commissioner,
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Please see attached.

Thank you.

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