Let's Clean It Up, Let's Get It Done!

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Dear Ms. Mitten:

I am writing in support of the Unified Communications Center development proposal for the St. Elizabeth's campus in Southeast. I have participated in several community meetings where the development team made presentations. Based on the information presented, I believe the project would enhance economic development opportunities in the Congress Heights and Anacostia neighborhoods of Ward 8.

Key attributes of the project are:

1. Job Creation. The project would bring approximately 100 salaried, entry-level positions to the neighborhood. These positions would provide on-the-job training and opportunities for advancement.

2. Commercial Revitalization. The project would provide a stimulus for commercial revitalization on Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. S.E. in Congress Heights. The development team has received $500,000 from the Office of Planning to study commercial revitalization opportunities near the site. Also new development always makes a case for more new development.

3. Constructive Use of Existing Infrastructure. The project would make use of significant space for which many proposals have been circulated. This one is timely, and it is funded.

4. Community Support. The only concern I have heard crop up in community meetings regarding this proposal is the use of a radio communications tower. Community members seemed satisfied however, that the proposal calls for use of the existing tower on the site and not the erection of a new one. Also the team assured the community that the highest care would be taken to ensure that the tower is of no risk to the surrounding community.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

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