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Ms. Jerrily Kress
District of Columbia
Director, Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case No. 02-38

Dear Ms. Kress,

On behalf of the Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals (CHAMPS) I am writing in support of the PUD application for the Waterfront project (formerly Waterside Mall) at 401 M Street, SW.

CHAMPS is Capitol Hill's business association and represents over 350 businesses, professionals and organizations, and our mission is to enhance the business climate and overall quality of life in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Some of our members are located in Southwest DC. CHAMPS is very grateful and very excited about the current and potential development occurring in the area of the Anacostia River, both in Southeast and Southwest DC. As you are aware, Mayor Anthony Williams and other District officials regard the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative as one of the foremost development projects in the city.

The Waterfront project is an integral component of the overall Initiative plan and it envisions a complex of buildings incorporating residential, retail and office space while reconnecting the waterfront section of Southwest to the National Mall by bringing back 4th Street. The reopening of 4th Street, new retail shops, new homes, and new and refurbished office buildings would greatly enhance this area and be beneficial to all current and new District residents as well.

We have seen the design (including the building heights) of the Waterfront project and fully support its realization. Thank you for taking into consideration this letter of support of the PUD application for the Waterfront project.

Sincerely,

Rob Gabany
Executive Director

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