Zoning Commission Hearing, 6:30 pm, Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 441 4th Street, NW

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My name is Naomi J. Monk. I have been a resident of Southwest Washington, DC since 1985. I am present today to aver that I support the Planning Unit Development (PUD) Case No. 02-38. I support the zoning changes, the 4th Street cut-through with nice wide streets for pedestrians to walk and the increased heights in buildings. I believe the Forrest City Washington, the Kaempfer Company, the DC Planning Office and other affiliates are doing an outstanding job in developing great plans for a Waterfront Mall that is the best it can be. In addition, they have met with numerous groups over and over again in Southwest for the past few years and graciously incorporated some of the residents' ideas into this PUD.

The Waterfront Mall has been in dire need of renovations too long already. It is the only Mall in Southwest. Southwest is fortunate to have these developers, DC Government and others to spend so much time and money to conciliate the Southwest residents. There comes a time, however, to move forward and implement a plan that will bring to Southwest a beautiful Mall, with all the amenities one could ever desire.

There is a certain amount of risk that developers take under normal circumstances to provide the money that such a complex requires. These risks have been greatly enhanced since the September 11, 2001 attack on America in the form of much higher insurance increases for property, health insurance, life insurance and the like. The longer the delays, the more expensive the costs will be for what will be a beautiful Mall.

I ask the Zoning Commission to approved this PUD today.

Thank you for listening.

Respectfully,

Naomi J. Monk

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