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Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Redevelopment of Waterside Mall—PUD Modification
Zoning Commission Case No. 02-38A

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

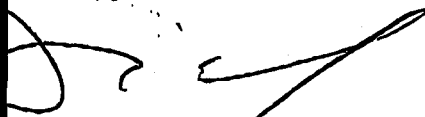
I am writing as Executive Director of Arena Stage, a resident theater at 6th Street and Maine Avenue in Southwest. We are in support of Waterfront Associates, LLC's proposed modification of the planned unit development ("PUD") approved by the Zoning Commission in Order No. 02-38.

Many development projects have been and are currently being planned in Southwest, and it has been a long wait for development to actually begin. Movement forward is critical for the community, and particularly so for those of us who have held on and invested heavily in the future of the Southwest.

We believe that the proposed Waterfront redevelopment will significantly enhance the neighborhood by providing an attractively designed mixed-use development in close proximity to public transportation. Arena Stage, as a resident of this neighborhood for over 45 years, looks forward to the new housing and retail that this development will bring.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for this project. The residential, retail, and office uses envisioned by the modified PUD will help create a vibrant urban community in the Southwest neighborhood. We are confident that the applicant's redevelopment will significantly improve our neighborhood and our city.

Sincerely,



Stephen Richard

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