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Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
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RE: **Redevelopment of Waterside Mall—PUD Modification**
Zoning Commission Case No. 02-38A

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Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED) strongly supports the pending Planned Unit Development Application for the redevelopment of the Waterside Mall by Waterfront Associates, LLC. This project, with the relocation of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) to the 2 new office structures known as 4th Street West and 4th Street East, will be a powerful catalyst for economic revitalization of this neighborhood.

In addition to the two Agencies relocating to Southwest, ODMPED and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) are negotiating the execution of an agreement for the reconstruction and re-opening of 4th Street, SW through the site. This will improve access through the currently constructed super block and the neighborhood for both vehicles and pedestrians. Furthermore, the road and sidewalk ROW will be built using the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Standards.

This project will be a positive anchor to the neighborhood and will provide important community benefits such as affordable housing, sustainable design, space for a new neighborhood grocery store, and the maintenance of existing retail uses on the site during construction. ODMPED is proud to assist in the revitalization of the Southwest Waterfront and urges the Zoning Commission to approve the requested PUD modification.

Sincerely,

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