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Chair
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW Suite 210S
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Dear Ms. Mitten,

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SEFC DEVELOPMENT

Navy fully supports the development of the South East Federal Center into an additional economic driver for employment, recreational space, retail activity and residences in Southeast Washington. This valuable waterfront property has been virtually vacant and under-used for far too long. It can and should be a significant contributor to the community in many ways.

The proposed parkland spaces on the SEFC along the Anacostia River with a promenade connecting many riverfront spaces can provide essential recreational space to the general public, residents, commuters and tourists. This will be not only a neighborhood resource but also a regional one. We can expect and welcome visitors from the area who can participate in a variety of activities on the waterfront from walking to entertainment.

Commercial and residential space can provide jobs, homes, goods and services for the residents, commuters and tourists to make this space an economic engine for the area. The availability of public transportation will make this facility accessible for commuters, shoppers and tourists.

As this property is developed many issues will arise and be resolved. A project of this scope will impact many of us who are in the area as well as new businesses, residents and visitors. We have every confidence that the General Services Administration can and will resolve issues appropriately for an opportunity of this magnitude.

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We want to be a partner in this project as all the stakeholders in the neighborhood are. While we have concerns about the size and density of this project we feel it is appropriate to see how the conceptual plans that have been developed thus far evolve into specific buildings, roads, wall, fences, paths etc.

Our particular concern is the physical security of the Washington Navy Yard. It is more involved than ever before in activities involving the National Security. Certain significant functions and facilities are in place there and Navy intends to continue them at the Yard. Department of Defense Directives provides guidelines and considerations for the security of military facilities that are difficult to meet in an urban setting. Some flexibility is required.

To achieve our different goals and needs we hope to work with GSA and the developers to ensure the plans for the development are compatible with the security needs directed by DoD. We ask that Navy be included in the reviews of specific plans for construction adjacent to our borders before they are approved. We ask that this requirement be documented by the board and included as part of the approval of the project. We feel we can, as we have before in the development of other Navy Department projects in the District, participate in a positive way to the value of the project within the total needs of the project, the adjacent properties and the larger community.

Sincerely,



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Commandant