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Re: Zoning Commission Cases No. 03-12 and 03-13
Preliminary and Consolidated Planned Unit Development
And Map Amendment from R-5-B to CR
Capper/Carrollsburg HOPE VI Project
Request for Waiver of Hearing Fee

Dear Members of the Commission:

The Applicants in the above-referenced cases, Capper/Carrollsburg Venture, LLC, the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA") and Square 769, LLC, hereby request that the Zoning Commission grant a waiver of the hearing fees for the Capper/Carrollsburg HOPE VI redevelopment project. The combined preliminary and consolidated applications seek to redevelop the properties into an attractive community consisting of both for-sale and rental units to be occupied by persons of varied income levels.

Under §3042 of the Zoning Regulations, the Commission may grant a request from the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to waive the normal hearing fee to permit the construction of a low or moderate income subsidized housing development. A subsidized housing development is defined as "a housing development that receives funding from a recognized District of federal government housing subsidy program."

The subject development has been awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the HOPE VI program. The purpose of

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the program is to leverage federal investment in highly distressed public housing projects by encouraging local government and private investment contributions. HOPE VI Revitalization Grants fund capital costs of major rehabilitation, new construction and other physical improvements; demolition of severely distressed public housing; acquisition of sites for off-site construction; and community and supportive service programs for residents, including those relocated as a result of revitalization efforts. The subject project includes replacement units for all of the 707 public housing units currently on the site, and also includes approximately 950 additional new units to be available at both market and below-market levels.

The DCHA is playing a major role in the development, which itself is a major component of city-sponsored efforts to create a major new center along the Anacostia Waterfront. The total interrelated proposal supports the city's efforts and will help leverage improved housing conditions for a large population. Requiring the payment of a hearing fee will divert city resources from the ends to which they should be directed and will merely be a redirection of funds within the overall city budget.

Accordingly, the Applicants request that the hearing fee be waived. The DHCD has been requested to endorse this request and the Applicants believe that a letter from DHCD will be received by the Commission prior to consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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