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Ms. Carol Mitten
Chairperson
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 – 4th Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Request for Waiver -- Capper/Carrollsburg HOPE VI Project Development

Dear Ms. Mitten:

This is a request that the Zoning Commission grant a waiver of the hearing fees for the application of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) 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 occupied by persons of varied income levels.

Under Section §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 or Federal government housing subsidy program."

This letter certifies that this project is a "subsidized housing development" which meets the requirements of the applicable regulation and is therefore eligible for a waiver of the normal hearing fees. The subject development has been awarded substantial funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the HOPE VI program. The purpose of the program is to leverage federal funds in highly distressed public housing projects by encouraging local government and private investment contributions. The development of this project includes replacement of all of the 707 public housing units and the construction of approximately 950 additional units which will be available at both market and below-market levels.

The DHCD is playing a major role in the development, which is a significant component of the city-sponsored Anacostia Waterfront Initiative. The application supports the city's efforts and will help leverage additional resources for improved economic conditions to an underserved community.

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For the reasons mentioned above, DHCD respectfully requests that the Zoning Commission grant a waiver of all applicable hearing fees for the Capper/Carrollsburg Redevelopment PUD application. Should you have any questions you may contact Victor Selman at 202-442-7287.

Sincerely,

Stanley Jackson
Director