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Before the D.C. Zoning Commission in support of the
District of Columbia's application for a Planned Unit Development
Fort Totten Solid Waste Transfer Facility (4900 Bates Rd., N.E.)

Good evening, Vice Chairman Hood, members of the Zoning Commission. My name is Sybil Hammond, and I am the Deputy Administrator of the D.C. Department of Public Works' Solid Waste Management Administration. I am here to urge your approval of our application for a Planned Unit Development at 4900 Bates Rd., N.E., the Fort Totten Solid Waste Transfer facility.

Fort Totten serves as a trash transfer facility for trash collected by the Department of Public Works from District residences, trash collected by District contractors from District facilities, and on a limited basis, trash collected by several private haulers authorized to use our transfer facilities. The P.U.D. approval and map amendment that we seek today would allow the District to proceed with modifications to the Fort Totten facility. Proposed modifications will be consistent with current use. The District also requests that the Commission waive the requirement for a ten-foot fence around the facility. The existing fence ranges in height from eight feet to sixteen feet and it adequately screens and secures the facility from unauthorized deposit and removal of solid waste.

I am delighted to be here today because this P.U.D. application is part of a larger effort on the part of the Department of Public Works to make substantial improvements to our trash transfer facilities in order to improve transfer operation efficiency; to restore

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this facility to its original design capacity and to be good neighbors. Each of these is an important goal, and we believe that the proposed improvements at Fort Totten will allow us to achieve them. These improvements will provide the community with:

- A modern, environmentally-improved solid waste transfer facility;
- A citizen's convenience center to allow segregated drop-off areas for household bulky waste, household hazardous waste products, and recyclable materials, and
- An improved bulk item material drop-off and loading area.

This request, and our appearance here today, reflects many hours of work and a substantial commitment by the District of Columbia to invest in the Fort Totten facility by performing much needed renovations and improvements at the facility.

Dana Murray, P.E. and Paul Mandeville, P.E., of SCS Engineers, the firm engaged by DPW for this project, accompany me today. SCS will make a short presentation on the modifications planned for Fort Totten.

I will be happy to answer any questions that you have.