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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
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RE: Zoning Case No.04-08A/02-45
St. Elizabeths Hospital
2nd Stage PUD - 54.59 acres

Dear Commissioners:

As Chairman of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C (ANC-8C), I am submitting this letter to serve as my testimony of the above-referenced application.

ANC-8C has participated in a series of meetings with the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the community regarding the development of a new St. Elizabeths Hospital within the historic East Campus of St. Elizabeths.

ANC-8C has expressed our desire that this project be developed by DMH in partnership with the community. Historically, we have negotiated a written memorandum of understanding with developers who are doing business in our neighborhood. The MOU outlines the tasks to be completed by the developer and the ANC to ensure that residents and local businesses benefit from the development of the project. The MOU outlines a process for community meetings, local business development, resident hiring, local contracting opportunities, etc. For the purpose of this application, ANC-8C must continue its deliberation with the DMH to prepare a written MOU which will clearly outline the deal points, process for participation and benefits to the community on the development of the new St. Elizabeths Hospital. Once the MOU has been negotiated, approved by the community and voted by its members, it will be presented to the Zoning Commission to become a part of the official record. This will provide assurance to the community that the commitments made by the developer are fulfilled.

ANC-8C, which has direct jurisdiction over this site, officially requests that this letter be accepted as the decision of the Commission and that the record remain open to allow sufficient time to complete negotiations on the MOU. ANC-8C will convene a meeting expeditiously with DMH to complete the MOU. The document will then be presented at the next ANC-8C meeting for approval. (Please note: an emergency meeting will be convened, if required). Subsequently, the executed agreement will be forwarded to the Zoning Commission for inclusion in the final order.

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ANC-8C looks forward to working with DMH in the development of the new St. Elizabeths Hospital. The execution of the MOU will clearly demonstrate that DMH is committed to partnering with the community.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mary J. Cuthbert, Chairperson
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C

Cc: Marti Knisley, Director
D. C. Department of Mental Health

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