

## Government of the District of Columbia

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Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia 441 4th Street, N.W., 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 04-14C - Florida Rock Development, 100 Potomac Avenue, S.E.

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED) is pleased to support the project proposed on the Florida Rock site immediately to the south of the Washington Nationals' Stadium. We believe that this mixed-use development of hotel, office, residential and retail uses as well as various open spaces along the waterfront will be a critical component to the success of the Stadium area. The project will greatly contribute to and enhance the overall fan experience for visitors to the Washington Nationals' Stadium and it will also provide for activity and street life for the neighborhood on days when the Stadium is not in use.

In our previous letter to the Commission of February 29th, ODMPED noted that it has worked closely with the Florida Rock team to coordinate the design of the project's Anacostia Plaza with the design of the proposed Diamond Teague Park. We are very pleased with the result of that coordinated approach as well as with the proposed amenity contribution by Florida Rock to this office of \$800,000 to be used by this office towards the construction and on-going maintenance of Diamond Teague Park. ODMPED will work with its counsel, the Office of Attorney General, as well as the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development to accept this contribution for the construction and on-going maintenance of Diamond Teague Park. We understand this contribution would be made by Florida Rock no later than the issuance of a building permit for the first phase of the project, being the East Office Building.

We look forward to the Zoning Commission's approval of this project.

Sincerely,

Neil Albert

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cc: Harriett Tregoning, Director, Office of Planning