

September 18, 2006

Ms. Carol J. Mitten Chairman, Zoning Commission District of Columbia 441 4th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20001 ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

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Reference:

Florida Rock Properties, Inc Planned Unit Development

Zoning Commission Case No. 04-14C Public Hearing September 18, 2006

Dear Chairman Mitten:

I am writing on behalf of the District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission (the Sports Commission) in support of Florida Rock Properties, Inc.'s (Florida Rock) application for a Planned Unit Development (the PUD) project along Potomac Avenue, S.E. adjacent to the new Ballpark for the Washington Nationals.

As you know, the Sports Commission has the responsibility for the design and construction of the new Ballpark for the Washington Nationals. From the beginning of the new Ballpark development process, the Sports Commission and Florida Rock have shared information regarding the proposed PUD and the development of the new Ballpark. This process has taken place in a cooperative and supportive manner and has resulted in a better understanding of our common goals and needs.

We believe the Florida Rock project is complementary to and in synergy with the design of the new Ballpark. Both the Ballpark and the Florida Rock projects will help anchor the Southeast/Southwest neighborhood and will undoubtedly contribute to the success of the new Ballpark District and the redevelopment of the Anacostia River Waterfront.

In addition, we feel that the over-all design and composition of the Florida Rock development project will provide a visually attractive addition to the cityscape of the Southeast/Southwest neighborhood. The public plaza along the waterfront and the concentration of retail space will offer our fans and families wonderful opportunities to enjoy the Ballpark District destination before and after baseball games.





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The Sports Commission looks forward to having Florida Rock and its retail partners as neighbors and encourages the Zoning Commission to act favorably on its application for a Planned Unit Development along Potomac Avenue, S.E. We thank you for allowing us to comment on this important project.

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Chief Executive Officer

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