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TO: Carol Mitten, Chair
District of Columbia Zoning Commission

FROM: Oramenta F. Newsome, Director
Washington, DC Local Initiatives Support Corporation

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Development of the Capital Children's Museum Site as Proposed by Abdo Development, LLC

DATE: January 27, 2005

I am writing to support the development of the Capital Children's Museum Site for residential use as proposed by Abdo Development LLC. For over 20 years LISC has been investing in the development and preservation of the city's housing stock, specifically for the benefit of households with limited incomes. Abdo Development's inclusion of condominiums that will be sold to families earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income is commendable and sorely needed in this real estate market. It is increasingly difficult for working families on limited incomes to find quality, affordable for-sale housing.

In addition we have been a long-term investor in projects along the H Street Commercial Corridor. The redevelopment of the Capital Museum site will be a catalyst for new investment along the Corridor and in the neighborhoods that surround the Corridor.

If you have questions you may contact me at (202)785-2908 or onewsome@lisc.org

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