

OUTLINE OF TESTIMONY

Dr. Abed Benzina and Dennis Connors
SK+I Architecture

- I. Introduction and experience
- II. Overall site planning considerations
- III. Description and design of proposed buildings
- IV. Streetscape improvements, circulation, and access
- V. Summary and Conclusions



Dr. Abed Benzina
Principal

Dr. Abed Benzina, a Principal with SK+I since 1999, has more than 20 years of experience in Urban Design and Architectural Design. His concentration on housing addresses both high and low-density residential projects, as well as mixed-use development.

Abed's expertise with project and client management begins with the planning and the design phase, and continues through the construction phase. His unique understanding of the relationship between design and technical requirements, coupled with his knowledge of building code requirements, has been a key asset to the SK+I's ability to meet the demands of clients.

As a team leader and project manager, Abed integrates his understanding of housing design, urban design, technology, building codes, and socio-economic factors to further advance the quality of housing design and production in the metropolitan area.

EDUCATION, MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

Diplome d' Architecture – Ecole Polytechnique d' Architecture et d' Urbanisme d' Alger
Master of Architecture and Urban Design – Washington University
Doctorate of Architecture – The Catholic University of America

ARCHITECTURE PORTFOLIO

<i>The Parker at Huntington Metro</i>	Alexandria, VA
<i>Mosaic District Parcel - C + E</i>	Fairfax, VA
<i>Avalon Bay Mosaic District</i>	Fairfax, VA
<i>Halstead Square – Buildings 1, 2, 3, + 4</i>	Fairfax, VA
<i>West Square</i>	Boston, MA
<i>Sheridan Station – Phases I, II, +III</i>	Washington, DC
<i>Fair Lakes</i>	Fairfax, VA
<i>Dulles Station</i>	Fairfax, VA
<i>The Reserve at Tysons</i>	Vienna, VA
<i>Post Carlyle Square - Blocks L + O</i>	Alexandria, VA
<i>Jenkins Row</i>	Washington, DC
<i>Lofts 590</i>	Arlington, VA
<i>The Silverton</i>	Silver Spring, MD
<i>Alexan at Eisenhower</i>	Alexandria, VA
<i>Alexan at Virginia Center</i>	Fairfax, VA
<i>Cameron Station Condominium</i>	Alexandria, VA
<i>The Walter E. Washington Estate</i>	Washington, DC
<i>Alban Towers</i>	Washington DC
<i>Hearthstone Mews</i>	Alexandria, VA
<i>Arlington Courthouse</i>	Arlington, VA

Dennis E. Connors, AIA Associate

Dennis Connors has been practicing architecture for 15 years, with a concentration in urban design. He has vast experience with renovations, preservation, and government funded projects, as well as in-fill projects. He is especially talented helping the team coalesce at a final design and then compelling the project thru difficult approval processes such as zoning adjustments and historic reviews.

Prior to returning to SK+I, Dennis gained professional experience as a Principal and Sole Proprietor of a private practice he founded in Washington, DC. For nine years, his company provided services from conceptual design to construction documents to construction administration for a variety of building types, ranging from residential to commercial. Projects also required a variety of performance standards such as being fully accessible, Energy Star Certified, and/or compliant with green community standards.

In addition to participating in PUD projects with SK+I, Dennis has achieved over a dozen zoning and historic approvals for a variety of other projects in Washington, DC.

Dennis is a registered architect in Maryland and Washington, DC.

EDUCATION, MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Architecture – The Catholic University of America
American Institute of Architecture Member – AIA
National Council of Architectural Registration Board Certified – NCARB
LEED Green Associate – USGBC

ARCHITECTURE PORTFOLIO

Marymount	Arlington, VA
Mosaic District Parcel C + E	Fairfax, VA
Riverfront	Washington, DC
Union Row	Washington, DC
The Paramount	Reston, VA
The Metro	Washington, DC
The Desoto	Washington, DC
Lofts 590	Arlington, VA
Spinnaker Bay, (Inner Harbor East	Baltimore, MD
The Fedora on Belmont	Washington, DC
1441 Rhode Island Avenue	Washington, DC
The Edgemoor	Bethesda, MD
The 54th Street Apartments	Washington, DC
The Ontario Pearl	Washington, DC
1854 Mintwood Place	Washington, DC
The Carry Lofts	Washington, DC
The Edgemoore Community Center	Alexandria, VA