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Carol Mitten, Chairperson
D.C. Zoning Commission
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Re: Case No 06-22 (District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission
– Construction of a Major League Baseball Ballpark)

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Zoning Commission

I am writing to express my strong support for the above-referenced application, which provides for the construction of a new baseball stadium in Ward 6. It is my understanding that you have scheduled a public hearing for this matter on June 26, 2006. I strongly support the design of the stadium and the location.

The Ballpark is planned to contain retail space along its exterior perimeter frontage as well as throughout the Ballpark and will occupy approximately 500,000 square feet within the central portion of the Ballpark Site. It is also my understanding that the Ballpark will be oriented to allow for non-game-day use, including a restaurant, conference center, Washington Nationals ticket office, and the perimeter retail. And also that two plaza areas will be constructed to the north and south of the Ballpark. The south plaza will contain a historical time line element that will include milestone dates for Baseball in Washington along with other noteworthy events in the history of the District. The north plaza will be the main pedestrian entry to the Ballpark for patrons traveling from the north from various Metro stations. The Ballpark is oriented towards the northeast and will be 110 feet high.

I have been working with the Sports Commission on this project for over two years to put together a proposal which furthers Ward Six and city planning objectives. I look forward to its fruition after a speedy approval by the Zoning Commission. Any chance that this can be decided through a "Bench Decision" would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ambrose, Chair
Committee on Economic Development

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