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Case No. 06-22 (District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission—

Construction of a Major League of a Major League Baseball Ballpark)

Good evening Chairman Mitten, Vice Chair Hood, and members of the Zoning Commission, my name is Tom Heinemann, vice-president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. SWNA, aside from running youth programs, a scholarship fund, and a Southwest history program, also provides monthly forums for SW residents to discuss pressing issues before the community. Obviously one of the most controversial topics is the development of the stadium in Near SE. After a community forum in October 2004, the SWNA board narrowly adopted a resolution supporting the construction of the stadium, subject to a number of caveats including: 1) that a traffic plan be put into place that would provide minimal disruption to residents, 2) that southwest residents are able to gain meaningful employment from the economic development. I have included SWNA's full statement on the Stadium as an attachment to my remarks.

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SWNA believes that the stadium should provide a catalyst for economic development and also provide numerous employment opportunities for SW residents, particularly those residents who may be chronically unemployed. The key for making the area a vibrant hub of economic activity is to minimize the number of surface parking, or parking towers --- space that could otherwise be used to enhance the notion that Near Southeast and Southwest are destinations in their own right. As the commission considers the various parking proposals, please be aware that your final decision directly impacts the quality of life for residents across South Capitol Street. Because the wellbeing of SW is in part dependent on the economic success of the stadium, SWNA strongly opposes the construction of single purpose parking towers or surface parking.

Also, I would like to use this opportunity to extend an invitation to the Sports and Entertainment Commission, the Lerner Group, and the developers to meet and address the Southwest community during one of our monthly meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to testify this evening. I welcome any questions you may have.

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Marge Maceda, President

October 25, 2004

At its special board meeting Monday, October 25, 2004, the board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly adopted the following resolution:

"The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly would support the construction of a publicly funded baseball stadium in or near our neighborhood if--

1. We had confidence the current proposal would produce tax revenues to match the city's expenditures; and--
2. We received--
 - a. Convincing answers to serious questions about--
 - Parking, street traffic, and public transportation;
 - Noise; and--
 - Displacement of current residents and businesses; and-
 - b. Guarantees that--
 - Construction would yield increased employment for Southwest residents;
 - The team would commit to an eight-week summer camp free for Southwest boys and girls; and--
 - The team would commit to refurbish playing fields at Jefferson Junior High School and Amidon, Bowen, and Van Ness Elementary Schools.

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