



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of the Mayor
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development



August 5th, 2015

Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 2001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 08-33C and Zoning Commission Case No. 08-33D
Support for PUD Modification and Time Extension Applications of Conference Center Associates
I, LLC

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development ("DMPED") submits this letter in support of the above-mentioned PUD modification and time extension applications of Conference Center Associates I, LLC (the "Applicant"). Representatives of DMPED and the Applicant have been actively working together to bring this project to fruition, and we believe that the Zoning Commission's approval of these applications will help achieve that goal.

We have found the Applicant to be very diligent and professional in its attempts to make this hotel and conference center a reality, even when the hospitality industry (nationwide and in the District of Columbia) was facing significant financial obstacles. It is our understanding that the changes the Applicant is proposing are in direct response to market conditions and expectations in the hospitality industry. DMPED agrees with the Applicant's view that the proposed modifications to the approved plans are entirely consistent with the Zoning Commission's original approval of the application. We also believe that it is appropriate for the Zoning Commission to provide the Applicant with an additional amount of time to prepare and file the building permit set of documents, which reflect the modifications to the original plans that the Applicant is requesting. For these reasons, we support these two applications.

We thank you for your consideration of DMPED's support of these applications and we encourage the Zoning Commission to approve these applications at the September 24, 2015 public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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