



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

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Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 09-10
Comments on Proposed Section 2523 on behalf of the D.C. Water and
Sewer Authority ("WASA")

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

As the Commission is aware, the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority ("WASA") is proposing the construction of a new water tower on the East Campus of St. Elizabeths Hospital. The East Campus of St. Elizabeths has been transferred from the federal government to the District of Columbia. Due to the Section 106 process that governs such transfers, as well as the water tower's location, the project is being reviewed by several entities including, but not limited to, the Historic Preservation Review Board ("HPRB"), the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts ("CFA") and the National Capital Planning Commission ("NCPC"). In addition, there has been extensive community outreach in connection with this widely supported and important public investment in Ward 8.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed text amendment offered by the Office of Planning in its December 4, 2009, memorandum. We have now done so and have communicated some suggested modifications to the Office of Planning. Those changes are reflected in the Office of Planning's Supplemental Report 2.

In the event that the proposed text is adopted, WASA will file an application for design review with the Commission shortly. WASA has learned recently that the proposed tower site falls just within the boundaries of the 55 acre site of the 2004 PUD for the new hospital (Zoning Commission Case No. 04-08). For that reason, the design review application will be accompanied by a request for a minor modification of the PUD boundaries to exclude the site of the water tower which comprises approximately 5% of the PUD site area. Previously the boundaries of the PUD site were adjusted through a similar minor modification application.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter and we look forward to the Zoning Commission's consideration of the proposed text amendment at its next public meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Gans", with a stylized, flowing script.

Roger Gans
Manager, Planning and Design
Department of Engineering and Technical Services