



DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

*Building Better Lives for America's Disabled Veterans*

July 14, 2011

Mr. Anthony J. Hood, Chairman  
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia  
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 210S  
Washington, DC 20002

RECEIVED  
D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING  
2011 JUL 18 AM 11:52

Dear Chairman Hood:

I am writing to express the support of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for the Planned Unit Development submission of Hoffman-Struever Waterfront, LLC (HSW), for the redevelopment of the Southwest Waterfront.

I and my colleagues at DAV have reviewed the proposed plans with Elinor Bacon, Partner, HSW. We are impressed with the comprehensiveness of their approach, and with the plans that they have developed for the waterfront redevelopment. As long-term stakeholders at the Southwest Waterfront, and we have been at our current location at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Maine Avenue, SW since 1976, we will be pleased to see the underutilized waterfront redeveloped into a vibrant world-class area as shown in the plans for the Planned Unit Development.

The design of the waterfront is impressive and will put the District on the map as a great riverfront city in the world with ample public access to the water, restaurants, parking and other amenities that currently do not exist. We are pleased with the outreach the developer has made to connect with long-term SW organizations such as DAV and the community in general.

We expect that the HSW team will redevelop the waterfront into the community we all envision and urge expeditious approval of their application for approval of the Planned Unit Development.

Sincerely,

BARRY A. ESINOSKI  
Executive Director  
Washington Headquarters

BAJ:sm

ZONING COMMISSION  
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 11-03  
EXHIBIT NO. 56