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Statement of Paula Van Lare before the Zoning Commission re Case 11-03J

I am President of Tiber Island Cooperative Homes, a historic complex of 390 units at the southeast end of the project. We are located between M and N and 6th and 4th Streets SW. The complex was built in the 1960s, and the cooperative was formed in 1980.

I would like to say first that we are delighted that the long-awaited^{ed} redevelopment of the SW waterfront is finally happening, and we are particularly pleased by the high quality of the design and construction of Phase I of the Wharf.

Our major concern with this phase of the project is the long-term management of buses, and, to a lesser extent, trucks. In the 23 years I have lived at Tiber Island, tour bus traffic and parking has always been a concern of the residents in the northwest portion of our property. The buses are loud and dirty, and, when parked, take up an immense amount of our already-scarce on-street parking.

As noted by Commissioner Litsky, the current and envisioned future practice of diverting buses away from 6th and Water Streets is a significant improvement over the situation in the past, when, late every summer night, a dozen buses would snort and puff their way under our windows. We do not want to go back to those bad old days, or worse, as many more tour groups come to visit the new attractions. My primary goal this evening—and for the rest of the development of this Phase—is to preserve this improvement in our quality of life.

I would like to reinforce Commissioner Litsky's call for a credible commitment from DDOT as well as the Applicants that 6th and Water Street will remain off-limits to buses and trucks. Tiber Island will follow closely the continued implementation of traffic management at the south end of the project.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not express our appreciation for our lovely new park, which is adjacent to our Great Lawn. Our residents use the park frequently, and it has improved the views from the west side of our property. As the transitions and connections between the park and the new development are implemented, we hope that the park is preserved and enhanced as a resource for the entire neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for recognizing Tiber Island Cooperative Homes as a party to these proceedings.

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