

December 10, 2024

Anthony J. Hood, Chairman
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
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SUBJECT: Z.C. CASE NO. 23-27: TEXT & MAP AMENDMENTS TO CREATE NAVY YARD EAST (NYE) ZONE – LETTER REITERATING IMPORTANCE OF PROPOSAL TO REDEVELOP OF WASHINGTON NAVY YARD O PARCELS

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission:

The Department of the Navy (“DON”) respectfully submits this letter in advance of the December 12, 2024, public hearing on the above-referenced matter.

As noted in our letter dated September 5, 2024, the proposal currently before you is consistent with the multi-year public process that involved a wide range of federal and District agency stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the Navy, the D.C. Office of Planning (“OP”), the D.C. Historic Preservation Office, the D.C. Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, and the National Capital Planning Commission (“NCPC”), which included extensive federal environmental and historic preservation reviews required under the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act, both of which involved significant public outreach and engagement.

The language of the proposal carefully balances the unique nature and complexity of DON’s real estate transaction with NCPC’s and the District’s planning and development goals and objectives and is consistent with the NCPC-approved Master Plan for the O Parcels. The language as proposed also aligns with the agreement established under the Memorandum of Understanding and Statement of Land Use Review Process of the Washington Navy Yard O Parcels Site between NCPC, DON, and the Government of the District of Columbia dated April 22, 2024 (“MOU”).

We look forward to our continued work with the District and our federal partners during the remainder of this process, and throughout the development of the O Parcels.

Sincerely,



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COMMANDANT,
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