

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia 441 4th Street, NW Suite 210S Washington, DC 20001

Re: Waterfront Planned Unit Development Modification

Zoning Commission Case No. 02-38A

ADJ 250641

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

WMATA is familiar with Waterfront Associates, LLC's proposed modification of the planned unit development ("PUD") approved by the Zoning Commission in Order No. 02-38. WMATA believes that the proposed Waterfront redevelopment will significantly enhance the neighborhood by providing an attractively designed mixeduse development in close proximity to public transportation.

WMATA is particularly supportive of the applicant's proposal to reestablish the 4th Street, S.W. right-of-way through the site. Reopening this important thoroughfare will improve vehicular and pedestrian circulation in the area and will reintegrate the Southwest neighborhood with the rest of the District by providing an important transportation link to the areas north of the Southwest Freeway. WMATA will require all plans to be submitted for review and approval.

WMATA believes that the applicant's modified plans represent an improvement over the PUD originally approved by the Commission. We support the increased commitment for retail along with the contemplated grocery store and the set aside for local businesses. We are also pleased that the project incorporates an increased amount of residential space and see that the project as a balanced mixeduse development which will benefit our community.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for this project. The residential, retail, and office uses envisioned by the modified PUD will help create a vibrant urban community in the Southwest neighborhood. We are confident that the applicant's redevelopment will significantly improve our neighborhood and our city.

Sincerely,

Washington **Metropolitan Area** Transit Authority

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EXHIBIT NO

A District of Columbia. Maryland and Virginia Transit Partnership

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