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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210S Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Proposed Alternative Plan for M Street Buildings – Waterside Mall

Modification to First-Stage PUD Approval and

Application for Second-Stage PUD

Zoning Commission Case No. 02-38A

Dear Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Applicant in the above-referenced case, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> please find the proposed alternative for the height and massing of the M Street Buildings. The Applicant, with the consensus of the parties to this case, requests that the record in this case be re-opened only for the purpose of accepting the filing of this document.

In response to concerns raised by the parties to this case (i.e., Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D (ANC 6D), Tiber Island Cooperative Homes, Inc., and Carrollsburg Square Condominium Association), the Applicant agreed during the public hearing to review the massing of the M Street Buildings in an effort to minimize the appearance of the buildings along M Street. In furtherance of that agreement, the Applicant proposed in its Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Decision the following flexibility for the design of the M Street Buildings:

Condition No. 8 The First-Stage Plans show a maximum height for the East and West M Street Office Buildings at 114 feet. The Applicant shall have flexibility to increase this maximum height for the East and West M Street Office Buildings in the event that the ZONING COMMISSION

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footprint of the buildings above the first or second floor levels are reduced. A revised design may be submitted to the Zoning Commission as part of the second-stage application for the East and West M Street Office Buildings.

Since that time, the Applicant met with the parties to this case on July 31, 2007, and August 28, 2007, to respond to further questions relating to the potential for re-massing of the M Street Buildings and review alternatives. The Applicant has also met with the Office of Planning, which has indicated support of the alternative plan. As a result of these meetings, the Applicant and the parties have agreed that the attached massing diagram is preferable and, thus, collectively request that the Zoning Commission approve this massing scheme instead of the flexibility requested in the proposed condition No. 8. In its place, the Applicant, with the consensus of the parties, requests that the following condition be approve:

Revised Condition No. 8 The East and West M Street Office Buildings shall have a maximum height of 127 feet, with set backs of approximately 45 feet on the exterior sides generally as shown on the plan in the record at Exhibit __.

The parties have indicated their support of this revised massing, and ANC 6D voted at its regularly-scheduled public meeting on September 10, 2007, to support the revised massing. However, it is the Applicant's understanding that the parties and the ANC continue to want the opportunity to cross-examination Mr. Baranes at the hearing scheduled for September 17, 2007.

We look forward the Commission's consideration of this submission and of proposed action on this matter at its first available opportunity. Should the Commission have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to have Office of Zoning staff contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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cc: Parties to Case (**See Attached Proof of Service**)
Jennifer Steingasser, Office of Planning (Via Hand; w/enc)
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 12, 2007, a copy of the foregoing Applicant's Submission of Proposed Alternative Plan for M Street Buildings was served on the following parties:

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