



November 9, 2017

Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 220 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Z.C. 11-03J
SW Waterfront Redevelopment Project / The Wharf - Phase 2
Second Stage PUD and First Stage PUD Modification

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Waterfront Village, I am writing to express our organization's heartfelt support for the proposed Second Stage PUD and First Stage PUD Modification for Phase 2 of the SW Waterfront Redevelopment Project / The Wharf. Our organization provides supportive services to seniors in the Southwest quadrant, and the impact to many of our members' quality of life by The Wharf's opening has been immediate and significant:

- A monthly "Lunch at the Wharf" has drawn first-time event attendees out of their homes and reconnected them with neighbors they haven't seen for year. The restaurants and hotels of The Wharf are providing extremely accommodating to our seniors with special needs.
- "Meet the Merchants," a walking tour of the new shops, has included complimentary snacks and product/service discount coupons.
- The water shuttle to Haines Point has already stimulated interest in a miniature golf tournament to commence in April.
- The water taxi service will provide an affordable day trip for us that would otherwise be cost prohibitive.

These are just a few examples of how the quality of life of some of our most vulnerable neighbors has been improved by Phase 1 of the project at little or no cost to them. We urge you to approve the Second Stage PUD and First Stage PUD Modification as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Bob Craycraft
Executive Director

Waterfront Village, Inc., is a neighborhood-based membership organization of paid staff, volunteers, and vendors supporting residents who wish to age in place in the Southwest Waterfront and the Navy Yard. Waterfront Village is a 501(c)(3) public charity (EIN 81-1859871) incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a member of the [Washington Area Villages Exchange](#) and [Village-to-Village Network](#), and operates under the guidance of the [District of Columbia Office on Aging](#).

Registered Agent 607 Sixth Place, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20024-2433 Telephone 202-656-1834 www.dwaterfrontvillage.org

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 11-03J
EXHIBIT NO. 61