Waterfront Gateway Neighborhood Association



November 9, 2017

Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia 441 Fourth Street, N.W., 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,

By way of introduction, the Waterfront Gateway Neighborhood Association (WGNA) is an affiliation of eight homeowners' association in the Southwest Quadrant of the District of Columbia. We represent just under 900 households whose properties represent a combined taxable value of just under a half billion dollars.

By a vote of seven to eight with one member unavailable for the vote, the Board of WGNA has voted to express our support for the Second Stage PUD and First Stage PUD Modification for Phase 2 of the SW Waterfront Redevelopment Project / The Wharf. We believe the completion of The Wharf project will maximize the project's value to us as homeowners both in terms of quality of life and equity in our homes.

Many of our homeowners have already favorably commented on the project, particularly the new hardware store, the complimentary "water jitney" to East Potomac Park, the vast amount of free public space, and the variety of dining options at multiple price points. We are working directly with The Wharf development team on our request for their Southwest Neighborhood Shuttle to make a stop at Seventh and I (Eye) Streets, S.W., thereby improving access to our neighbors with mobility impairments living in nearby single-level condominiums and apartments to the National Mall, L'Enfant Plaza, and The Wharf.

We therefore urge the Commission to approve the proposed Second Stage PUD and First Stage PUD Modification in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Bob Craycraft
Executive Director

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