## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Employment Services

MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR



ODIE DONALD II DIRECTOR

November 21, 2017

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

Re: Z.C. 11-03J

South West Waterfront Redevelopment Project / The Wharf - Phase 2 Second Stage PUD and First Stage PUD Modification

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the DC Department of Employment Services, I am writing to inform you of the role the South West Waterfront Redevelopment Project has played as a valued community partner that performed on Phase I of the Wharf redevelopment project. The South West Waterfront Redevelopment Project has met the overall project requirements. DOES has successfully worked with the leadership of Hoffman-Madison Waterfront (HMW), the developers and contractors throughout Phase 1 of the development to maximize opportunities for District residents to secure jobs and apprenticeships at The Wharf.

The plans proposed for Phase 2 of the Wharf appear to extend the recently completed and successful activities of Phase 1 of the redevelopment project. This effort would allow for the continuation of workforce programs developed collaboratively between business partners and District government during Phase 1 of The Wharf, which increased the number of District residents who were employed during the construction of The Wharf Phase 1, by expanding these workforce efforts and activities into Phase 2.

Sincerely,

Odie Donald II Director