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## Outline of Testimony

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#### Education

- Cornell University, Studies in Urban Design, 1985 - 1987
- Cornell University, Bachelor of Architecture, 1974 -80

#### Registration

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Martin Luther King Plaza Revitalization



Skyland



National Cathedral Master Plan



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Ms. O'Neill is a Principal and Urban Designer at Torti Gallas where she is responsible for directing and coordinating the design and planning of both large and small scale communities and challenging, urban architectural projects. Her responsibilities include the development of design solutions, community, client and planning agency review presentations, and the supervision and evaluation of in-house design teams.

### Selected Project Experience

Skyland, Washington, DC (PUD) - An 18-acre Planned Unit Development which will contain 420 residential units and 800,000 SF of mixed-use. The project introduces a comparatively higher density to the existing neighborhood and integrates a town center that includes "big box" retail. A pedestrian friendly urban environment will be established along the perimeter of the "big box" retail area.

South Campus Redevelopment, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (PUD) -Torti Gallas was part of the development team for Catholic University's University Village, creating a dramatic "Gateway Village" that will enhance the value and amenities of the campus, and will enable the University to have a strong hand in delivering a high quality living and learning experience to its students, faculty, alumni, staff and neighbors.

Parkside/Kenilworth Neighborhood Revitalization, Washington, DC - Land Planning for the Parkside Kenilworth under a HUD CHOICE Neighborhood Planning Grant. The preliminary planning effort, conducted during an intensive on-site charrette, focused on the revitalization of two sites to include 1,822 residential units, parking, recreation and community/management buildings.

National Cathedral Close, Washington, DC – Torti Gallas developed a new Master Plan for the 59 acre Washington National Cathedral Close, restoring a significant American place and an important work of Frederick Law Olmsted. The plan was designed in a series of onsite charrettes, which progressed from the programming of future needs to the development of specific building sites and envelopes. The charrette process was instrumental in building consensus for the master plan from within the twelve separate institutions and ancilliary organizations that sit within the Close.

Arthur Capper/Carrollsburg Dwellings, Washington, DC - HOPE VI revitalization of the Arthur Capper/Carrollsburg Public Housing which creates 1,150 new residential units, 600,000 square feet of office, 75,000 square feet of neighborhood retail, and a 17,000 square foot community building. The recreational program is partially contained within the community building and grounds; including multi purpose facilities, swimming pool, and basketball courts, and partially on the playing fields of the adjacent Marine Corps Barracks Complex.

Martin Luther King Plaza Revitalization, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - HOPE VI Revitalization of a dense, high-rise public housing community into a mixed-program neighborhood of 128 on-site residential units, 121 off-site residential units, 8,000 sf of retail, a 10,000 sf community center and a new 1/2 acre urban park.

College Park, Memphis, Tennessee - HOPE VI Revitalization of an existing public housing community to include 349 on-site, 51 off-site and 80 senior units. With the site located between an historic African-American college, historic cemetery and single family neighborhood, Torti Gallas designed this new community to blend with its diverse context, particularly given the substantial increase in density between the development program and the surrounding single family community.

Lexington Terrace Master Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization, Baltimore, Maryland -Demolition of 16 high and low-rise buildings, and the planning and design of a new urban, mixed-use development on 15 acres. The new community includes an integrated mix of 203 public housing rowhouse units and 100 market-based low income units, a 100 unit Elderly Housing mid-rise with an Adult Day Care facility, a Recreation/Community Center and a Child Development Center.

Lafayette Courts, Master Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization, The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC), Baltimore, Maryland - Master Planning of 21.5 acres, demolition of approximately 807 high-rise units, renovation of 36 low-rise apartment units and design and construction of 228 new rowhouse units and 110 Elderly units under the HOPE VI Program.