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RE: Z.C. Case No. 17-12 (Forest City SEFC, LLC – Text and Map Amendments to the SEFC Zone @ Squares 743, 744, 770, 771, 853, and 883)

Dear Chairman Hood:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on October 16, 2017 with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 5-0-0 to support Zoning Case 17-12 (Forest City SEFC, LLC – Text and Map Amendments to the SEFC Zone @ Squares 743, 744, 770, 771, 853, and 883) as amended and attached.

ANC 6D continues to support the goal of the text amendment “to encourage the development of commercial office use” and to encourage the allowance of “more height and density for commercial use” in The Yards West.

Further, the ANC accepts the reduction in the minimum percentage – from ten to eight – of the additional density that must be three (3) bedroom units because the applicant has agreed to include the required three bedroom units in the set aside for affordable units. The ANC believes that there is a significant demand for affordable housing for larger households in the neighborhood and that this change will be a net benefit for the community.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Andy Litsky
Chairman, ANC 6D
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ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO.17-12
EXHIBIT NO.17

Text Amendments to SEFC Zones

GENERAL COMMENT: We propose to a map of the SEFC Zones, with labels for the various elements with the SEFC area that are called out and referenced in the text. The 2016 Regulations allow for such maps to be included.

200 GENERAL PROVISIONS

200.3 The SEFC-1 zones provide for high-density mixed-use development with ground floor retail, with bonus density and height for development proximate to the Navy Yard Metrorail Station and the proposed 1 1/2 Street, and with review of the relationship of new buildings to the M Street, S.E. corridor and the adjacent Washington Navy Yard. The SEFC-1 zones consist of the SEFC-1-A zone, which permits high-density commercial or residential use with ground floor retail on Parcels A, F, and G near the Navy Yard Metrorail Station entrance, and the SEFC-1-B zone, which promotes a mix of high-density residential and medium-density commercial development with ground floor retail on Parcels D, E, K, H, and I.

201 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (SEFC-1)

201.1 The development standards in Subtitle K §§ 202 through 210 control the bulk of structures in the SEFC-1 zones.

202 DENSITY – FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) (SEFC-1)

202.1 The maximum permitted floor area ratio (FAR) for buildings in the SEFC-1-A zone (i.e. Parcels A, F, and G) shall be 6.0; except that a maximum density of 7.0 FAR shall be permitted, if reviewed and approved by the Zoning Commission pursuant to the standards and procedures of Subtitle K §§ 237.4 and 241.

- (a) To the extent that the additional 1.0 FAR is devoted to residential uses, a minimum of eight percent (8%) of the additional density gained pursuant to this section shall be devoted to three (3) bedroom units, provided that such units may be located anywhere within the residential building~~-, and~~ provided further that such units shall be included within the units that are set aside as affordable units pursuant to the terms of the development agreement with the District of Columbia that mandates the provision of affordable housing. The reduction or elimination of this requirement may be permitted by the Commission upon a showing by the applicant that

exceptional circumstances affecting the property make compliance with this requirement difficult or impossible.

202.2 The maximum permitted FAR for buildings in the SEFC-1-B zone shall be 6.0 with a maximum of 3.0 FAR for non-residential uses; except a maximum density of 7.0 FAR shall be permitted on Parcels H or I only, if reviewed and approved by the Zoning Commission, pursuant to the standards and procedures of Subtitle K §§ 237.4 and 241, provided that:

- (a) The additional 1.0 FAR is devoted solely to residential uses, which for the purposes of this subsection does not include a hotel; and
- (b) A minimum of eight percent (8%) of the additional density gained pursuant to this section shall be devoted to three (3) bedroom units, provided that such units may be located anywhere within the residential building, and provided further that such units shall be included within the units that are set aside as affordable units pursuant to the terms of the development agreement with the District of Columbia that mandates the provision of affordable housing. The reduction or elimination of this requirement may be permitted by the Commission upon a showing by the applicant that exceptional circumstances affecting the property make compliance with this requirement difficult or impossible.

203 HEIGHT (SEFC-1)

203.1 The maximum permitted building height, not including the penthouse, in the SEFC-1 zones shall be one hundred and ten feet (110 ft.), except that:

- (a) Parcel A is permitted a maximum height of one hundred thirty feet (130 ft.); and
- (b) For Parcels F, G, and H, the maximum permitted building height shall be one hundred thirty feet (130 ft.), if reviewed and approved by the Zoning Commission pursuant to the standards and procedures of Subtitle K §§ 237.4 and 241.

203.2 Sites fronting on M Street, S.E., east of 4th Street, S.E., are restricted to a height of ninety feet (90 ft.). A building height of one hundred ten feet (110 ft.) maximum is permitted if reviewed and approved by the Zoning Commission pursuant to the procedures of Subtitle K § 241. For the purposes of this review, the Zoning Commission shall consider the relationship of the new building to the Navy Yard to the east and may require graduated height and/or design features because of the building's proximity to the Navy Yard.

203.3 The maximum permitted height of a penthouse shall be twenty feet (20 ft.), and the maximum number of stories within the penthouse shall be one (1) plus a

mezzanine, except that a second story for penthouse mechanical space shall be permitted.

Sections 204 through 212—change SEFC-1 zone to SEFC-1 zones.

237 USE PERMISSIONS

237.4 Within the SEFC-1 zones, the following buildings, structures, and uses are permitted only if reviewed and approved by the Zoning Commission, in accordance with the standards specified in Subtitle K § 241 and procedures specified in Subtitle K § 242:

- (a) All buildings and structures that have frontage along M Street, S.E. or utilizes additional density or height pursuant to Subtitle K §§ 202 or 203; subject also to the applicant proving that the architectural design, site plan, landscaping, and sidewalk treatment of the proposed building:
 - (1) Are of superior quality;
 - (2) For buildings on Parcel A, accommodate the design of the public entrance to the Navy Yard Metrorail Station on Parcel A. The applicant shall demonstrate proactive engagement with the Washington Metrorail Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in the planning and design of Parcel A as a part of the above design review as set for the below:
 - (A) If the applicant moves forward with the construction of the third entrance before the applicant is ready to develop Parcel A, the applicant shall demonstrate that it has coordinated with WMATA to integrate the entrance into the design of Parcel A; and
 - (B) If WMATA moves forward with the construction of the third entrance before the applicant is ready to develop Parcel A, the applicant shall demonstrate that it has coordinated with WMATA to integrate the entrance into the design of Parcel A;
 - (3) Ensure the provision of 1½ Street, S.E. and N Street, S.E. as open and uncovered multimodal circulation routes; and
 - (4) Provide three (3) bedroom dwelling units as required pursuant to Subtitle K § 202.1(a) or Subtitle K § 202.2(b);

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