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VIBRANT PHOTO EXHIBIT CELEBRATES RICH HISTORY AND GROWTH OF THE CAPITOL RIVERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD

(Washington, DC—For Immediate Release – 9 April 2019) – The Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District has partnered with Jacqueline Dupree—founder, photographer, and content-creator of popular website JDland.com—to present *Capitol Riverfront: Then & Now*, a photo exhibit that pays homage to the neighborhood’s history and celebrates its evolution from a once light industrial backyard to the city into a vibrant mixed-use urban waterfront community. The historical photo exhibit can be viewed by residents, employees, and visitors through mid-summer in the southern block of Canal Park, located at 200 M Street, SE, and in Yards Park, located at 355 Water Street, SE.

Capitol Riverfront: Then & Now features a total of 20 4 x 6 foot displays, each of which represents a significantly transformed site in the neighborhood, telling the story of the specific location through before and after images photographed throughout the years by Jacqueline Dupree, as well as a narrative description that includes interesting historical facts about the site. The installation also features a map that depicts the actual location of each site so that visitors can enjoy a walking tour of original sites in addition to learning about the transformed locations at the exhibit.

Dupree has been documenting the southeast portion of Capitol Riverfront since 2000. “When I first started taking these photographs I knew that huge changes were coming to the area, so I wanted to be sure there was some record of what the neighborhood looked like ‘before,’” says Dupree. “The BID’s exhibit is a wonderful illustration of the scope of all this change for the many residents and visitors who may not realize how vastly different everything looked less than 15 years ago. Plus, these images are a great way to share what I have seen without people having to hunch over a computer or squint at their phone.”

“We are proud to have partnered with Jacqueline Dupree on this photo narrative of the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood,” said BID president Michael Stevens, who created the organization in 2007 prior to the neighborhood’s major transformation. “The before and after photographs allow viewers to travel back in time and see what the neighborhood was like and how it has transformed into a high density riverfront community. It is compelling visual storytelling in a platform accessible to all.”

While in the neighborhood to learn about the history of Capitol Riverfront at the photo exhibit, guests can enjoy the world-class parks and water features, dine at one of the 57+ restaurants and bars, or view a professional sports game at Nationals Park or Audi Field. To learn more about the neighborhood’s history through the lens of Jacqueline Dupree, visit JDland.com.

About Capitol Riverfront

Situated between the peaceful flow of the Anacostia River and the bustle of the Capitol Complex, Capitol Riverfront is a 500-acre vibrant urban waterfront neighborhood smartly designed to give businesses, residents, retail, and guests an exciting environment to explore, connect, and thrive. New restaurants, retail, hotels, residences, and office spaces are opening every month in Capitol Riverfront, DC's fastest growing neighborhood and a destination for urban living, dining, and recreational experiences. Year-round, visitors flock to Capitol Riverfront to take advantage of its various amenities including world-class parks, restaurants, river activities, and sports venues—including the Nationals Park and the newly opened Audi Field, home to D.C. United. There is always something new to discover in DC's largest and most dynamic riverfront community. For more information, visit capitolriverfront.org.

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