



**NATIONAL
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PENTAGON CITY
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POTOMAC YARD

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RE: Site Plan Amendment SPLA23-00054 at 2011 Crystal Drive

Dear Ms. Martin,

On behalf of the National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) and the business communities of Crystal City, Pentagon City, and Potomac Yard, I am writing in support of Site Plan Amendment SPLA23-00054 at 2011 Crystal Drive.

The proposed improvements to 2011 Crystal Drive demonstrate a vision for modernization that will enhance the resilience of our commercial office market and the area's economic competitiveness by providing top-quality leasable office and commercial space along with enhanced outdoor space at what will be one of our district's most prominent locations, the entry to the CC2DCA Multimodal Connection to Ronald Reagan National Airport. The proposed improvements to the existing building are timely, providing a welcoming and complementary environment for this important gateway in National Landing. Prioritizing improvements on the south and southwest side of the building employs sound urban design and enables more complete activation at the ground level, which is in line with the established vision and goals set forth in the Crystal City Sector Plan, the Arlington County Retail Plan, and the BID's Strategic Plan.

The National Landing BID strongly supports this application for proposed site plan amendments at 2011 Crystal Drive. These improvements are a testament to the robust coordination of public and private investments underway in this area – investments that strengthen our district's ability to retain and attract future commercial tenants and enhance recognition as one of the nation's most walkable and connected downtowns.

Sincerely,

Tracy Sayegh Gabriel
President & Executive Director

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