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Mr. Royce Hanson
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RE: Public Hearing Draft White Flint Sector Plan

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Public Hearing Draft White Flint Sector Plan (Sector Plan). The comments provided below focus on the National Capital Planning Commission's (NCPC or "the Commission") role as the central planning agency for the federal government in the National Capital Region (NCR). The Commission coordinates all federal planning activities in the region, and has several planning functions: comprehensive planning; project planning; federal project and master plan reviews; and multi-year federal capital improvements planning. Among its major responsibilities are preparing long-range plans and special studies to ensure the effective functioning of the federal government in the NCR; preparing jointly with the District of Columbia government the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital*; approving federal master plans and construction proposals in the District of Columbia, as well as reviewing master plans and area plans proposed by state, regional and local agencies for their effect on the federal establishment. We invite you to visit our website, www.ncpc.gov, for additional information.

We find the recommendations in the Sector Plan to be consistent with the planning principles and policies of the *Comprehensive Plan of the National Capital: Federal Elements*. NCPC supports the Sector Plan proposal for a mixed-use infill development within walking distance of a major transit, the provision of affordable and workforce housing, and the creation of new open space to meet growing population needs, all of which advance regional and federal interests. We identified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which is in the "NRC District" of the Sector

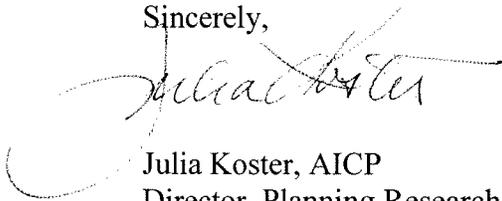
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Plan, as a primary federal interest. We understand that the NRC has been actively involved throughout the planning process and strongly supports the recommendations in the Sector Plan.

We also want to note that any proposed changes to the existing WMATA Metrorail station will require NCPC review as authorized by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact on December 22, 1960, as amended March 29, 1963 [Public Law 774, 80 Stat. 1324, Article IV 14 (c) (3)]. Should the Montgomery County Planning Board adopt a new northern entrance to the White Flint Metro Station for implementation, we encourage the project proponent to meet with the staff of our Urban Design and Plan Review Division for early consultation during the concept design development stage.

We commend your proactive efforts in ensuring that the federal government is engaged in your planning endeavors and encourage you to continue doing so, especially with the NRC. We look forward to future coordination with the Montgomery County Planning Department. Please contact Amy Tarce at (202)482-7241 or amy.tarce@ncpc.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Koster", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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cc: Mark Lombard
Nuclear Regulatory Commission