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Re: Application for Transfer of Jurisdiction – U.S. Reservation 519

Dear Mr. Lagana:

This cover letter is submitted on behalf of the District of Columbia Department of General Services (“**DGS**”) in support of an application for a transfer of jurisdiction between the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Capital Area (“**NPS**”) and the District of Columbia, by and through DGS, of approximately 9,149 sq. ft. (the “**Transfer Property**”) of NPS property comprising a portion of Reservation 519. The Transfer Property will be used for recreation and related purposes.

This transfer of jurisdiction is being made in connection with the construction of the new Douglass Community Center (the “**Project**”) located at 1922 Frederick Douglass Court SE (the “**Existing Property**”). The Existing Property is a large site of approximately 233,962 sq. ft. (5.3 acres) that is improved with an existing community center building, pool house, pool, playground, basketball courts, baseball field and related recreational amenities. The Existing Property is subject to a transfer of jurisdiction to the District of Columbia for recreation and related purposes, which was effectuated by plat dated December 13, 1973 and recorded at Book 197, Page 10 (the “**Existing TOJ**”)

The Project entails the demolition of the existing structures and construction of a new community center building and pool house. The new community center building will incorporate a fitness center, catering kitchen, multi-purpose rooms and a media center. The building is designed at the center of the site to serve as a focal point and a centralized gathering area. The Project also entails significant site improvements, including a new pool, splash pad, playgrounds, a walking track. The existing baseball diamond will be converted to a multipurpose field as well.

The proposed transfer of jurisdiction is being made to incorporate an existing drive aisle and fence within the Project boundaries. Specifically, the easternmost portion of the Transfer Property covers an existing drive aisle that provides access from 20th Street SE to a parking area serving the recreation center. The westernmost portions of the Transfer Property cover an existing fence that circumscribes the Existing Property. Both the drive aisle and the fencing were constructed outside the scope of the Existing TOJ and, therefore, traverse onto land that is not within the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia. Since the drive aisle and fencing will continue

to be used by the Project, the transfer of jurisdiction is intended to formally bring the Transfer Property within the District of Columbia's jurisdiction.

The proposed Transfer of Jurisdiction is authorized pursuant to 40 USC § 8124(a) and D.C. Code § 10-111. DGS is coordinating with NPS to review and process the Transfer of Jurisdiction. DGS will remit the filing fee upon receipt of an invoice from your office. Thank you for your attention to this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you should need anything further.

Sincerely,

COZEN O'CONNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric DeBear", is written over a horizontal line.

Eric DeBear