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Dear Chairman Flahaven and Commissioners of ANC 6b:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 14, 2014. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and have members of our team discuss the opportunity in front of us. We started this process believing that hosting the Olympic Games would present a historical opportunity to unite our city and region across the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers to make a better Washington using sport as the mechanism.

As stated in your letter, we are one of four finalist cities remaining in the process. This process may ultimately result in a selection, but the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) has made it clear that it also reserves the right not to bid. In February 2013, the USOC sent letters to approximately thirty-five U.S. cities to gauge interest in hosting the 2024 Games, and the Washington effort launched in August 2013. In June 2014, the USOC narrowed their selection to four cities-- Los Angeles, Boston, San Francisco and Washington--to be considered as the USOC partner city bidding for the 2024 Games.

The USOC is expected to make a decision on whether or not to bid, and will select a city if a bid is pursued, in December 2014 or January 2015. If we are selected, the next phase will focus put forth the most compelling bid to win at the international level. The IOC will vote on the 2024 host city in the summer of 2017.

Through out this process, our guiding principles in exploring a Washington bid are first and foremost -- hosting the Olympic games must be anchored in the long-term vision for our city and region and must serve as a catalyst for desired improvements throughout. Second, the investments must provide real and lasting value to *all* citizens of the city and the region, before, during, and for decades after the 2024 Games. Third, we want to use the Olympic bid process as a way to invigorate our communities and local sports leaders to further develop a sports and education legacy for our children that will live long after the bid and Games themselves.



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The 2024 Summer Olympic and Paralympics Games has the potential to create a future filled with sport for our kids for generations to come, create new jobs, drive neighborhood and community improvements, develop much needed affordable housing, accelerate transportation infrastructure, build sustainability programs and inspire us all.

We look forward to working with the various communities to understand concerns and needs of the affected constituencies. If we are selected, the public engagement process will start at the beginning of the year and will be ongoing. It will focus not only with ANC's but with neighborhood associations, local business groups, community-based non-profits, other opinion leaders and concerned citizens.

Our efforts to provide close consultation with the affected neighborhoods will be crucial in ensuring that our Olympic facilities are constructed and situated to make ongoing valuable legacy contributions to the community. In particular, the potential for thousands of housing units available for District residents upon completion of the Games will follow D.C. guidelines for creation of affordable housing (with roughly a third of the 4,000 anticipated units to be designated as affordable).

I look forward to scheduling this meeting in January or February, at your convenience. Please continue to coordinate with Bob Sweeney in my office. I believe you met him at the ANC Meeting. His email address is: rsweeney@dc2024.org.

Sincerely,

W. Russell Ramsey