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Subject: Thank you--NPS

Julia,

As a citizen who clearly has considerable reservations and concerns about the Edgewater redevelopment proposal as currently envisioned--I nevertheless greatly appreciate how you do your job as a commissioner--in asking informed questions, helping move proceedings constructively along and making important recommendations as part of your role in the Edgewater approval process.

In particular, I would like to thank you for adding the National Park Service language to the conditions of the PC approval. The restoration of the historic Edgewater is clearly a universally appealing component of this proposal-- sensitively renovating the hotel as a "certified historic rehabilitation" in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Illustrated Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings is critical to preserving its architectural integrity and stature as a cherished landmark.

Thank you for your excellent work on this. If this project is ultimately approved by the Council, I sincerely hope these guidelines prevail. I have had the privilege of working with a number of successful developers around the country who have fully embraced NPS standards in a variety of creative adaptive use developments (including hotels) without sacrificing the economic viability of their projects nor the architecture.

*Best regards,
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