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Nationally Recognized Planners To Develop Strategic Vision for Buzzard Point Area *Community Meetings, Walking Tour Planned Nov. 18-21*

WHAT: Opportunities to meet and interview a nationally recognized Planning Assistance Team (PAT) organized by the American Planning Association (APA) at the request of D.C. Councilmember Tommy Wells. The PAT is working with the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District, the D.C. Department of Transportation, D.C. Office of Planning, stakeholders, and residents to develop a strategic vision for the Buzzard Point area.

The pro bono team will gather stakeholder and resident input to help guide recommendations for making the largely industrial Buzzard Point area a part of the DC waterfront, and ensuring that there are connections to the waterfront for the neighborhoods to the north and that the Point is connected to the proposed light rail system on M Street S.E. The team also will consider the appropriate mix of land uses and how affordable housing is preserved and is part of the future mix of uses.

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Initial community meeting)
Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (Neighborhood walking tour)
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. (Meeting announcing initial findings)

WHO: **Alan Mallach, FAICP**, is the Team Leader, author of *A Decent Home: Planning, Building and Preserving Affordable Housing*, and a Brookings Institution senior fellow.

Other team members: Jeff Frank, Ph.D., AICP, has 30-plus years experience in planning, consulting engineering and surveying, and most recently was president of PHR+A.

John Gosling, AICP, is director of RTKL's residential sector. He has 25-plus years of planning and urban design experience and studied architecture in London.

Jeff Lee, FASLA, is a founding principal of lee+papa, with worldwide credits including the Pentagon 9-11 Memorial and Ronald Reagan International Trade Center.

Nicole White, P.E., PTOE, is the founding principal of Symmetra Design. She specializes in revitalization studies and has 10 years experience in transportation planning.

WHERE: First District Station, D.C. Police Department, 101 M St, SW (Community meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 18 & Saturday, Nov. 21)
Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St, SW (Neighborhood walking tour start)