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Chairman Anthony Hood
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Capper/Carrollsborg Hope VI Development

Z.C CASE NO. 03-12g/03-13G (2nd Stage Review and Approval of a PUD and modifications for property located in Squares 769 and 882 – Capper/Carrollsborg Venture, LLC and the D.C. Housing Authority).

Z.C CASE NO. 03-12H/03-13H (Modifications to Approved PUD in Squares 739,767,768, and S825 – Capper/Carrollsborg Venture, LLC and the D.C. Housing Authority).

Z.C CASE NO. 03-12I/03-13I (Extension of 1st Stage Approval & Filing of Permit Application for a Community Center in Square 881W – Capper/Carrollsborg Venture, LLC and the D.C. Housing Authority).

Dear Chairman Hood and Commissioners:

Please consider the following. I live within two hundred feet of the planned Community Center discussed in Z.C. 03-12I/03-13I. I also live directly across from AC Senior #1 Building. I am very involved with those independent resident tenants in not only in AC Senior Building #1, but also in Carroll's Senior Apartments and AC Senior Building #2. Of the 29 years living in my single member district, I have represented for 11 years those affected residents as their trusted friend. I am sorry that I could not get many Seniors out tonight to give you their stories. My Seniors are afraid of the dark, long hours of unknown hearing lengths, and the possibility of be stranded at night due to transportation arrangement problems.

I will give you my **personal** options on each Zoning case separately.

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I have no objections to this Z.C. CASE NO. I am a PROPONENT in CASE NO (13G)

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I have calculated a total loss of **135 parking spaces** being removed from the application. 65 reduced commercial + 70 off site parking.

There is a terrible parking problem in my area. The problems are:

- AC Senior build # 1 was hastily built. Planned parking had to be reduced to accommodate an air-conditioning construction.
- **Construction workers** for local building projects planned for 4 more years
- Many independents Seniors are forced to street park because Edgewater Management (A contracted Management company of DC Housing Authority Public Housing) is charging \$ 30 to \$100.00 for an inside parking spaces. What was normally free is no longer free.
- Edgewater Management and Carroll's Senior Apartments have provided to me startling information that seniors do require care to the tune of 200 full time certified health care workers needing to park every day at various times. DCHA has failed to calculate this need for additional health care parking every time they build a Senior's Building. I feel that this will continue in the future.
- The free neighborhood parking is advantageous to the Navy Yard and DOT workers who do not want the inconvenience of mandatory inspections, or for pay parking.

The parking problem will continue when the temporary PAY National Parking lots will be eliminated for additional buildout.

With my vast input from other condo and apartment owners in my single member district 6D-07, we UNAMIOUSLY do not want any parking reduction planning. I am an opponent in this CASE NO (13H).

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I voted with my ANC to advance the start date and the completion date for the Community Center by one year. However, that vote was a personal political compromise. It is unacceptable to wait so long for the planned community center that was fully planned in 2002-2003. I was the Treasurer of the Hope V1 Community Development Corporation for 4 years and was intimately involved with its development. DCHA had set back this project backwards, and had advanced the new project in square 769, bounded by 2nd, 3rd, L, and M Street. The AC Senior Building #1 was hastily built and does not have any space for therapeutic in-house exercising. My Seniors and I want this Community Center Built NOW.

I am in opposition for the extension of condition No. 5 of order No. 03-12A/03-13A (all that involving the Community Center).

I am a proponent for the approval applications in the remaining developments for second stage approval.

Sincerely,


Robert Siegel (personally)

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