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re: letters pertaining to zoning hearing today

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Message: I have faxed letters regarding the zoning hearing for today at 11:30 am. Thanks so much!

From the desk of ...

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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CASE NO. 17249
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2400 Virginia Avenue, N.W. #311
Washington, DC 20037
January 7, 2005

Mr. Jeffrey Griffis,
Chair, D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 225 South
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal No. 17249

Dear Mr. Griffis:

As a resident of the Foggy Bottom community for over 14 years I am writing to express my support for the decision of the Zoning Administrator of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to issue a certificate of occupancy for the food service venues located within the GWU Ivory Tower residence. Although I reside within the ANC 2A district the appeal filed by ANC 2A does not reflect my views nor, does it reflect the views of many of my neighbors.

I think that the proposal that neighborhood businesses be closed to non-students is a terrible idea. I can respect the viewpoint that GW should not take over the whole FB neighborhood. But it does not benefit the non-student residents to bar them from neighborhood establishments. I have waited years for a Starbucks to come to my neighborhood and now someone wants to tell me I can't go to it. These places won't go away if residents can't patronize them. Residents will just be inconvenienced. How counter-productive! Retail establishments provide a useful service to the community and they should be encouraged to market themselves to the FB community at large not just students. Moreover, I think that banning non-students from these establishments will be unworkable given the heavy amount of tourist foot traffic on 23rd street. Are the retailers going to have to tell a family they can't buy food because they are not enrolled in the university?

I therefore urge you to deny the appeal.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Hennessey

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January 10, 2005

Mr. Jeffrey Griffis
Chair, D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal No. 17249

Dear Sir,

I recently learned of the appeal filed by the ANC 2A regarding the certificate of occupancy for the food service venues located within the George Washington University Ivory Tower residence hall on its Foggy Bottom Campus

Although I am not surprised by the actions of the ANC 2A, I am extremely concerned with the possible outcome. It appears that the ANC 2A, does not concern themselves with their constituency, or improving the community as a whole, but would rather continue to divide the Community and George Washington University.

I - like many of the Residents in Foggy Bottom - am in support of the community being able to have access to establishments like Coggins Sandwich Shop and other retail facilities that the George Washington University makes available to the community at large.

As a resident and professional in Foggy Bottom, I respectfully request support for the decision of the Zoning Administrator of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to issue a certificate of occupancy.

I believe that allowing the community to have access to any facility that George Washington University makes available to us will only assist in integrating the diverse population that reside in Foggy Bottom.

If I can be of further assistance in supporting this very important decision, please contact me at the above address, email address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

Kevin E. Mullen

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Robert L McQueen
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January 14, 2005

Mr. Jeffrey Griffis
Chair, D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 225 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal No. 17249

Sir:

I am writing to express my support for the decision of the Zoning Administrator of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to issue a certificate of occupancy for the food service venues located within the George Washington University Ivory Tower residence hall on its Foggy Bottom Campus.

-The appeal filed by ANC 2A does not reflect the views of many of the residents of Foggy Bottom

-Many of the residents appreciate the fact that establishments like Coggins Sandwich Shop, and other retail venues located on GW's campus, are not required to refuse services to those who are not affiliated with the university.

-The food venues provide a useful service to the Foggy Bottom Community with no adverse impact on the use and enjoyment of neighboring property.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Robert L McQueen

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Mr. Jeffrey Griffis
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Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal No. 17249

I support the decision of the Zoning Administrator of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to issue a certificate of occupancy for the food service venues located within the George Washington University Ivory Tower residence hall on its Foggy Bottom Campus. The appeal filed by ANC 2A does not reflect the views of many of the residents of Foggy Bottom

Many of the residents appreciate the fact that establishments like Coggins Sandwich Shop, and other retail venues located on GW's campus, are not required to refuse services to those who are not affiliated with the university.

The food venues provide a useful service to the Foggy Bottom Community with no adverse impact on the use and enjoyment of neighboring property.

I have been a resident of Foggy Bottom for over twenty years and I amazed that an ANC commissioner would tell me that I cannot use a convenient store in my neighborhood. I think these stores should be open for everyone. Very few people from outside Foggy Bottom will use these stores because (a) there is very little parking, (b) only people who live in Foggy Bottom know about the stores, and (c) people from other areas can buy the same things where THEY live.

The convenience of having these stores and restaurants is a great asset to the neighborhood and the people who live here.

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2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W.
Apartment 1014-S
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January 12, 2004

Mr. Jeffrey Griffis
Chair, D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal No. 17249

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I recently learned that a hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2005 on a matter that could deny the public's access to commercial activities located in The George Washington University buildings and on its campus. I am firmly convinced that this is a prime example of the extent to which the local cadre of professional George Washington University haters will go to make life difficult for the university, and as an unintended consequence, the Foggy Bottom residents and workers as well. If I, a resident of Watergate East, requested that access to the Watergate shops be restricted to Watergate residents and workers, I can imagine that if I survived my lynching, I would be forced to undergo a mental examination! If supposing my request were favorably received, how long would you guess that we would have a Safeway, CVS, one of the finest bakeries in the city, etc. in the neighborhood?

I implore you to reject this outrageous attempt to limit public access to commercial activities located on the GWU campus. I would hate to see these businesses disappear. I wonder how they survive in the summer months now. You know, we don't have all that much retail activity in Foggy Bottom as it is; and we certainly don't need what currently exists jeopardized.

Sincerely yours,

Donald V. Lincoln

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January 11, 2005

Mr. Jeffrey Griffis
Chair, D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 225 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Griffis,

SUBJECT: BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT APPEAL NO. 17249

I recently discovered that the ANC 2A filed an appeal requesting that several George Washington University retail venues be closed to the public. I am opposed to closing these venues to the public.

These establishments are extremely accessible and convenient for Foggy Bottom residents. They have a positive impact on Foggy Bottom's city atmosphere for many of the same reasons that hotels and restaurants are neighborhood assets. The venues provide services and utility to the neighborhood that are appreciated by myself and many other residents.

As an individual who bought and since lived in a Foggy Bottom cooperative unit in Foggy Bottom four years ago, I have seen little if any negative effects from public access to GWU retail venues. On the contrary, I feel that they increase neighborhood property values for the reasons discussed in the prior paragraph.

Sincerely,

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