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November 30, 2003

Mr. Denzil Noble
Administrator, BLRA
941 North Capitol Street, NE
Suite 2000
Washington, DC 20002

Re: 1312 13th Street, NW

Dear Mr. Noble:

At its regular monthly meeting on November 5, 2003, ANC 2F voted 6 - 0 to request DCRA to investigate the circumstances under which a certificate of occupancy was issued on June 13, 2003 to Nancy N. Dao and Edward B. Roots for Laundry Service and Office Space, and to take prompt action to revoke this C of O, which was fraudulently obtained. An inspection will reveal that there is no laundry on the premises, nor does any record exist of a business license issued to the above-named individuals for a laundry or other uses. Please see the enclosed affidavit sworn by Meredith R. Scott, Program Manager of the Business Service Division. Moreover, residents of the area, including the undersigned, will testify that no laundry has existed on the premises during the last 25 years. The C of O for an industrial laundry service issued to the previous owner of the building, Ha Ok Kim, on June 23, 1989, was also obtained fraudulently, as the nature of Mr. Kim's business was an illegal use of the premises for a baseball cap sewing operation. This use was discontinued after enforcement action taken at my request by the zoning inspector and the Fire Marshall. Mr. Kim then sold the building to the current owners, Dao and Roots, who are attempting to convert part of the building to office use in the guise of accessory use to a non-existent laundry. The fact that the BLRA has twice issued certificates of occupancy for a non-conforming use (laundry) in a residential zone based solely on the representations of the applicants, without any verification, points to a serious deficiency in the Zoning Division's procedures.

There is scaffolding and construction activity at the premises with no visible permits posted. ANC 2F requests that DCRA send a building inspector to determine whether illegal construction is occurring, and to issue citations for any infractions discovered. Please inform the undersigned of any enforcement actions taken. I can be reached at (202) 483-1728.

Sincerely,



Helen M. Kramer
Chairman

cc: David Clark

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April 16, 2004

Mr. Geoffrey H. Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 17071; 1312 13th Street NW (Square 243, Lot 12)

Dear Mr. Griffis:

Thank you for allowing us additional time to find a new legal representation for this case before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Unfortunately, our new attorneys just informed us that they might not be able to complete their research and preparation in time to fully represent us, Edward Rooths & Nancy Dao, the owners of the above property, at this public hearing scheduled on May 4, 2004.

Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to withdraw our application, referenced above. Our new attorneys said they would file an application at a later date once they have completed their research and are ready to represent us before the Board.

Thank you so much for your understanding and consideration of this withdrawal request. Please feel free to contact us at 202-387-4632 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Dao

From Edward Rooths & Nancy Dao
Property Owners

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