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Ms. Ruthanne G. Miller, Chair  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th Floor, Suite 220S  
Washington DC 20001

RE: **BZA Case #17831**

1400-1418 U Street & 1913-1944 14th Street, NW / Ward 2 / Greater U Street Historic District

Chairwoman Miller and Members of the Board:

The Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA) is delighted by the overall improvement to the neighborhood that will result from completion of the project in question.

To carry out the aims of the Comprehensive Plan, however, by ensuring that particular aspects of the new development do not adversely effect neighboring properties or pose detrimental effects to the health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of persons living, working, or visiting in the area, DCCA supports the positions of Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, Councilmembers Jack Evans and Phil Mendelson, Assistant Chief Patrick Burke, Battalion Chief Robert Callahan, City First Bank Executive VP Marie Bibbs, and local residents and business owners (represented at the hearing by our Vice-President, Phyllis Klein), which include:

1. Re-creation of the mature tree-line along Treto Way and C-3-A in order to maintain the boundary between commercial and residential zone, and to preserve screening by making the 18'8" setback x 92'1" strip of landscaped area, now shown on the plan, a required plan element. §774
2. Allow a variance (or special exception) for the use of an existing curb cut on 14th Street, NW for 148-car underground garage entrance to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety in the interior block where there are unique conditions, including a 15' alleyway as the only ingress/egress, businesses and residences with no street access, multiple and varied uses, atypical traffic patterns, high pedestrian use, recreational spaces, etc. §1903.2
3. Provisions/redesign for adequate loading facilities and access to loading facilities (allowing ample turning radius). The current configuration requires delivery trucks, moving vans and trash trucks to pull down Treto Way along side the residences and back up to the loading area. §636

For the sake of expediency, and because Ms. Klein has taken the lead role in studying the application and the plans, I hereby designate her our spokesperson today on this case.

Sincerely,



Joel Lawson  
President

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