

PLEASANT PLAINS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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February 20, 2013

Mr. Lloyd Jordan, Chair
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: BZA Case No. 18508 Howard University
Interdisciplinary Research Building

Dear Chairman Jordan:

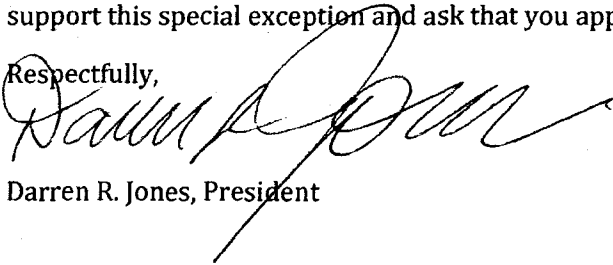
The Pleasant Plains Civic Association was recently made aware of the D.C. Office of Planning's recommendation that Howard University include an additional form of relief to Case No. 18508, the Interdisciplinary Research Building. This new relief involves applying for a special exception from the penthouse setback requirements outlined in DCMR section 840.3[b].

Members of the Pleasant Plains Executive Committee attended the February 19, 2013 meeting of the ANC 1B Design Review Committee. We heard the presentation from Mr. Derrek Niec-Williams, of Brailsford and Dunlavey, Howard University's facility planners for the building. The presentation illustrated the existing penthouse setbacks for the building, which had not changed from the several previous presentations we had received, and compared it to what would be required by the regulations as a matter of right.

After the ANC meeting the Pleasant Plains Executive Committee did a review of the presentation. After discussion by our members, we determined that the design of the building met the spirit of the regulations, would not adversely affect the flow of light and air onto surrounding public spaces, and resulted in an excellently designed structure for this location on Georgia Avenue.

The Executive Committee of the Pleasant Plains Civic Association voted unanimously to support this special exception and ask that you approve it.

Respectfully,


Darren R. Jones, President

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