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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 18638
EXHIBIT NO. 05

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I would like to express my deep opposition to the Church Street development project as currently configured in the proposal that came before you on April 15th. Under that proposal, the developer would like to build 38 units on the site without meeting the requirement of one parking space for every two units in the building.

The Metropole at 1515 15th Street is located in a vibrant and well used area of the city. It is truly a neighborhood, with restaurants, bars, coffee shops, Whole Foods, drugstore and hardware store all side by side with brownstones and apartment buildings. I understand why the developer has chosen this area to build. However, the number of cars that come to this area to frequent all of the businesses and residences makes for a very congested and busy neighborhood. To add 38 units and expect the surrounding streets to absorb the additional cars that need to park nearby is unrealistic.

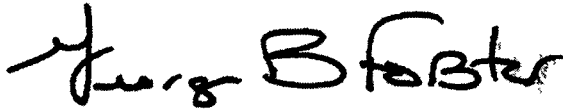
Parking is definitely an issue in our area. Two brief anecdotes may illustrate the extent of the problem. When family members, out-of-town guests or even contractors have come, inevitably I receive a phone call telling me that they are here, but unable to find a parking space and where do I suggest they park? Once a month my wife has her book club meeting at our place and although they try to carpool, inevitably those that drive spend more than half an hour trying to find a space to park anywhere near the building. The Whole Foods parking garage is restricted to customers of Whole Foods and is carefully policed to enforce that policy. (As we and our guests have learned.) Unfortunately, the parking garage under our building is generally full with monthly customers. There simply is no available street parking.

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It is for these reasons that I strongly encourage you to require the developer to provide the required nineteen parking spaces for the thirty eight units the developer proposes to build.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Regards,

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George B. Forster