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To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Cc: Janet Leno
Subject: Comments in Opposition to Case No. 19689, the Meridian development proposal

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to express our opposition to Application #19689. The developers are obligated to show that the special exceptions they seek will not have an adverse impact on the neighboring properties. They have not, and cannot, satisfy that obligation under the current proposal. The analysis of why they have not satisfied the requirements has been set out very clearly in the memorandum of ANC1C, in our opinion.

This project, which will add more than 110 units of residential housing and a 10,000 square foot conference center to our community, will create an undue burden through the influx of residential and construction-related traffic, loss of parking, and an inevitable increase in noise and congestion. Meridian International Center has long been a source of noise complaints and traffic problems and expanding its institutional use by granting its modification request will only exacerbate those problems.

This project will have a detrimental and irreversible impact on the community if it is allowed to proceed in its current form, and we therefore ask you to deny the application. As we have stated before, this is not an objection to all and any proposed development on this site: it is opposition to this proposal and explicitly to the changes in zoning which they are requesting, which have the effect of increasing the density and mass of the proposal. We would urge you to require the developers to revise their proposal to be consistent with all relevant guidelines and policies and to conform to all current zoning requirements, including those which apply to traffic and to noise abatement.

Thank you,

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