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Zoning Commission
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RE: Case number 03-30

Dear Commissioners:

Regarding case number 03-30, an application submitted by Square 643 Associates LLC for the Old Church property at Delaware and H, SW, I am an immediate neighbor of this property living in Capitol Park IV. On December 1, 2003 I wrote the Zoning Commission a letter about this project in which I stated my opposition to the proposed zoning change and asked that a public hearing be held.

In my letter I stated that "the Board of my Capitol Park IV condominium association has indicated its endorsement of the proposed change." In fact the developer says in his application for a Consolidated PUD that "The Capitol Park IV Board of Directors has strongly endorsed approval of the PUD" (p.12).

It is possible to see how the developer came to this conclusion when you read the July 15, 2003 letter from Capitol Park IV Board President Ruth Otts to ANC 6D that was submitted with the developer's application. It clearly states that the Board "is strongly in support" of this proposed project and the zoning change that would allow a height of 88 feet.

Yet I must bring to your attention that on December 1, 2003 I attended the Annual Meeting of the Capitol Park IV Board, at which Ms. Otts stated before about 50 homeowners that the Board's alleged support for the PUD had been "misrepresented" by the developer. She stated that the Board had only said it "does not oppose" the proposed change, not that it strongly endorses it.

I cannot understand why Ms. Otts would say such a thing in a public meeting when her letter appears to be an unqualified endorsement of the zoning change. Be that as it may, her statement before the owners does tell me that our community is still very much divided on this issue and that we need to have much more discussion about it before anyone can say that our condominium association supports it.

This in my view makes a public hearing on this zoning change all the more essential.

Sincerely,

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