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M. Carol Mitten, Chairperson
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Distinguished Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing as President of the Eastgate Redevelopment Associates (ERA) formed in 2000 to represent former residents of Eastgate Gardens and promote the redevelopment of the area and restoration of our homes. I was present at the public hearing on January 12th and would like to provide further comments on some aspects of the discussion.

As part of this revitalization process, members of ERA have taken part in many planning and design meetings. At a design committee meetings in the Summer of 2005, the developer presented several site plans for the New Eastgate which used many rear alleys and rear parking. Much of the parking was on rear parking pads.

While we thought most of the site plan was good, we did not like the fact that most of the site was covered with alleys. In our experience alleys are not as safe and do not provide the protection of a garage. Also, it seemed that most of the site was covered in pavement. We told the developer to revise the site plan to decrease the number of alleys and increase the amount of green space. At the next steering committee meeting the developer presented a compromise site plan which included alleys and rear parking where practical and front parking with driveways and garages in other areas.

We feel very comfortable with the current site plan and feel that it meets the community's concerns around parking, safety, and convenience.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
President
Inita Jackson

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