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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairperson
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Zoning Commission Case No.: 05-42PUD and
Zoning Map Amendment Letter of Support for the Sibley Hospital Project

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission:

I write to urge your approval for the PUD and Zoning Map Amendment Application from Sibley Hospital for the construction of a medical office building. I have known Sibley Hospital for nearly 25 years. My children were born there; many of our students and faculty have been well cared for at that facility. Most recently I have come to understand the internal structure of the hospital and its economic model as I have just been honored to join the Board. So, now I understand more completely the need for this new office building and the parking garage that is part of this new development.

I am sure that Sibley will provide you with ample technical arguments for this facility. I simply wish to add my personal endorsement in the form of a "character reference" for an institution. That may seem like a strange term to apply to an organization, but I have experienced Sibley Hospital as a warm, reliable and valuable neighbor. Sibley is what a community hospital should be. I like to think that much of its character is due to its history and tradition as a church-related hospital. And I know that its Board, many of whom have been long-time friends and associates of Wesley have worked hard to foster a culture at Sibley which is caring, welcoming, quietly competent, in a word, "hospitable." Most of all, Bob Sloan has led that institution in a most remarkable way.

In an era of bureaucratization of medicine, when the economy of scale is driving many neighborhood institutions out of business, I believe it is vital for us to be good stewards of Sibley Hospital and do all we can to insure their continued vitality. I am not an expert in hospital administration and the economics of medical care in America today. Instead, I urge you to trust Sibley Hospital and provide your support and approval to this vital and cherished neighbor.

Sincerely,

David McAllister-Wilson
President

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