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5712 Sherier Pl., NW
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September 27, 2006Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
DC Office of Zoning
441 4th St., NW
Washington, DC 2001Re: Case #05-42 (Sibley Hospital) – Opposition to current proposal

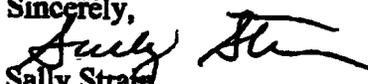
Dear Ms. Mitten:

As a resident of Palisades, the neighborhood adjacent to Sibley Hospital, I am writing to express my opposition to Sibley's plans for a medical office building. Sibley has been a good neighbor to the Palisades community and their previous expansions have had a manageable impact. However, the current proposal presents the community with a huge growth in daily vehicle trips as patients, physicians and staff travel to and from Sibley for medical appointments. The impact of the Sibley proposal on our community would be unacceptable for the following reasons:

1. Traffic: Sibley has expanded several times in recent years. The proposed medical office building would generate an enormous amount of new traffic (during and after construction) that would affect the main streets and side streets in the community. Several of the intersections that serve the hospital are already congested and will slip to a LOS F if the current application is approved without modification.
2. Cumulative impacts: In addition to the Sibley project, another project is planned for the hill top area behind the hospital's assisted living facility. Planning for the Army Corps of Engineers dewatering facility is currently underway and it will be located just north of the hospital complex. Trucks hauling residuals from the dewatering facility will use the same streets that hospital traffic will use. The impacts of the truck traffic as well as that of visitors to the medical office building would present the area with serious traffic consequences.
3. Unnecessary: The Sibley office building, as currently planned, is not necessary for the viability of the hospital. A smaller facility will meet the needs of the hospital and cause less traffic impacts for the community.

Please take these comments into consideration when you discuss the rezoning for the Sibley plan. Say "no" to the current plan.

Sincerely,


Sally Straff

cc.

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EXHIBIT NO.

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