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Re: Sibley Hospital — Zoning Commission Case #05-42-PUD

Dear Chairperson Mitten and other members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing this letter in support of the Sibley Hospital project, which has been captioned, as far as I understand, as Zoning Commission Case #05-42-PUD. I reside in the Palisades neighborhood, but equally as important, I have been a member of the Sibley Hospital Medical Staff for nearly thirty-five years. I think the planned development of the Physician Office Building and parking facility provides benefits to the community, which far outweigh by orders of magnitude concerns about traffic, parking, and all the rest. Sibley Hospital has been a resource, not only for the Palisades area, but for the community at large, and a definite asset. Its reputation has been well established and commented on by reviewers from the JCAH, HCFA, and all the rest.

The need for an office building on the hospital campus is predicated on changes in the practice of medicine, which make it far more efficient for physicians to be located as close to the hospital as possible. Reimbursement to physicians for their services has been curtailed, and it is just inefficient for physicians to have to run from home to office to hospital back again, etc. Many hospitals have recognized this and have such facilities on their hospital campuses all over the country, as well as in our metropolitan area. Sibley Hospital is endeavoring to make practice at its hospital as attractive as possible since the

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malpractice pressures have hastened the departure of a number of active physicians to the suburbs depriving District residents, in general, and Ward 3 perhaps, in particular, of their services.

Not only will there be convenience for physicians, but patients will find it convenient to visit physicians who are close to laboratory and x-ray facilities of the highest quality. It will be easier for patients to obtain these services in a timely fashion than if they were obliged to be scheduled from a physician's office not near such support.

Accordingly, I urge the Zoning Commission to look favorably on this project and to give it its imprimatur in a timely fashion.

Sincerely yours,



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