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June 6, 2006

Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairperson  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. (Second Floor)  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 05-42  
PUD and Zoning Map Amendment Application  
Letter of Support for Medical Office Building at Sibley Hospital

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Dear Ms. Mitten and Members of the Commission:

I live at 5004 Warren Street, N.W. (and have for the past 10 years – for the 20 years before that I lived at 3909 Morrison Street, NW) and I write in support of Sibley Memorial Hospital's proposal to secure its future as a first-class health care facility at our neighborhood's doorstep by building a long-needed Medical Office Building on its campus.

Sibley is one of the great assets of living in Northwest D.C. – virtually every member of my family (my wife, my two daughters, and I) have been patients at Sibley on a number of occasions (including Emergency Room visits and at least one surgical procedure for each of us!) and there is no substitute for having such a wonderful hospital virtually a few minutes from home. It is easy to get there when you need medical care. It is easy to visit family and friends who are patients there. It is a beautifully maintained medical complex with top flight medical staff and friendly, gracious support staff and volunteers. There may be some trade-offs in the hospital's carefully planned growth to meet new needs and stay competitive in a very difficult health care delivery environment, but in my view, we will all be grateful that Sibley planned for the future so that it can continue to deliver first-class care in our neighborhood.

The opposition being coordinated by a handful of individuals to Sibley's relatively modest expansion is short-sighted and ill-targeted. The new office building would be accessed through Dalecarlia Parkway, a long-existing four-lane thoroughfare with no residential property on the side of the road directly adjacent to the proposed office building. The building would be erected on land dedicated to the hospital's use so there are no surprises here. The physician office traffic related to the building probably already traverses our neighborhood in substantial part since many of the physicians who would be attracted to the new building on the Sibley campus already have practices in office buildings on New Mexico Avenue or similar nearby locations. Any relatively modest inconvenience associated with the proposed new office building is far outweighed by the benefit to the community of having Sibley in our neighborhood. All one needs to do is to visit Sibley's web site to realize the broad range of high quality health care services that it is our privilege to have so readily available:

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I encourage the Zoning Commission to act favorably on Sibley's pending application to allow the Medical Office Building project to go forward.

In the interest of full disclosure, you should know that in addition to being a very happy resident of ANC 3D, I am an attorney and do work for various health care entities in the Washington region, including Sibley. I would, however, support Sibley in this endeavor without regard to my work for the hospital – when it comes to quality health care, I vote with my feet and go to Sibley.

Thanks for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely yours,



Nicholas S. McConnell