



SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 6, 2007

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment Application
The Former Randall Junior/Senior High School, 65 I Street S.W. (Square 643-S, Lot 801)

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am writing in support of the Corcoran Gallery of Art project at the Randall Junior High School. In the Fall of 2006, the District of Columbia sold the former Randall Junior High School property to the Corcoran in order that it may be redeveloped as a new facility for the Corcoran's College of Art + Design along with a residential complex.

The proposed project is one that will have a tremendous benefit not only to the Southwest neighborhood but to the District as a whole. The Corcoran College of Art + Design's programs in graphic design, media arts, ceramics, and woodworking, in addition to their fine arts curriculum will continue, enhance, and revitalize the tradition established by the Cardozo Manual Training School that once stood on this site.

Like Southeastern, the Corcoran is now a member of the District-based Consortium of Universities. Its new arts education center will offer students at the Corcoran and Southeastern more opportunity for collaboration between the two campuses. The advantages of a closer working relationship with the Corcoran College of Art and Design would only enhance the reputation of Southeastern University.

This project will protect, renovate, and restore this landmark property while providing a new home for the Corcoran's educational programs. There is a tremendous benefit to the SW Community and the District as a whole. The new facility along with 20% affordable housing component will open the door to numerous opportunities for Southeastern University students and staff. It is with great approval I endorse this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Sincerely,

Charlene Drew Jarvis, Ph.D.

cc. Roberta Weiner, ANC 6D
Jocelyn File, Corcoran Gallery of Art

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9. The Randall School project would provide 460 parking spaces in an underground garage; 400 spaces would be allotted to the residential condominiums and 60 spaces would be allotted for the Corcoran Gallery of Arts.
10. The Randall School site would provide sufficient loading dock accommodations. There may be times when the service facilities will need to be managed to make sure all tenants are accommodated.