

September 6, 2007

Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia  
441 Fourth 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.

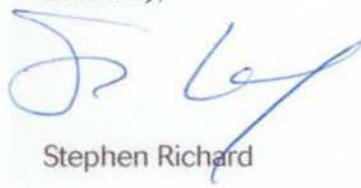
The proposed project is one that will have a tremendous benefit not only to the Southwest neighborhood but to the District as a whole. The Corcoran College of Art + Design's programs in graphic design, media arts, ceramics, and woodworking, in addition to their fine arts curriculum will continue, enhance,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

Like Arena Stage, the Corcoran is committed to community outreach within the Southwest Community and surrounding areas. This new arts education center will offer more opportunity for collaboration in arts education, and the advantages of a closer working relationship with the Corcoran College of Art + Design would only enhance the Arena Stage's Outreach Programs.

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 Southwest Community and the District as a whole. The new facility along with 20% affordable housing component will open the door to numerous opportunities for the Southwest Community. It is with great approval I endorse this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Sincerely,



Stephen Richard

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cc. Roberta Weiner, ANC 6D

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