

# Emmaus Services for the Aging

Improving the Lives of Seniors Since 1978



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION  
441 4TH ST NW  
WASHINGTON DC 20001

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my dismay at Marriott Corporation's failure to enter into a Community Benefits Agreement with Shaw nonprofits and other stakeholders related to their Planned Unit Development application for the Marriott Marquis Hotel.

Every other developer pursuing zoning relief through a PUD for a project in Shaw in recent years has met with service providers, other nonprofits, and District Government agencies in Shaw to work out extensive and detailed agreements related to providing funding for a range of programs and activities benefitting Shaw residents. These include Roadside Development's City Market at O project, approved by the Zoning Commission earlier this year, and Metropolitan Development's Kelsey Gardens project, which is currently before the commission. In both of these instances, the community benefits for each project exceeded \$250,000 in direct financial support provided to organizations serving a range of stakeholders, from youth and seniors to small businesses.

Indeed, Emmaus Services for the Aging is a beneficiary of both the City Market at O and Kelsey Gardens Community Benefits Agreements. This funding will allow us to enrich the lives of over 800 seniors served by Emmaus in central Shaw.

Emmaus hopes that the Zoning Commission will insist that Marriott Hotels negotiates in good faith with the community and presents the Zoning Commission with a detailed community benefits package before the PUD for the Marriott Marquis Hotel is approved.

Thank you for allowing Emmaus Services for the Aging to provide input into this PUD application.

Sincerely,

Joseph K. Williams  
Executive Director

**ZONING COMMISSION**  
CASE No. 08-13  
EXHIBIT No. 39

