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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DEPARTMENT OF ZONING

Urban Forestry Administration

To: Anthony J. Hood
Chair, Zoning Commission

From: Earl Eutsler, UFA Lead Arborist
Sharon Dendy, UFA Landscape Architect/Urban Forester

Date: February 6, 2009

Subject: Case No. 08-21 (Athena Group, LLC Consolidated Review of a Planned Unit
Development and Related Map Amendment @ Square 1356)

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These public space trees in total range from 38 to 91 inches in circumference and are in good to excellent condition. They provide not only an aesthetic value to surrounding neighbors, but because of their size impart social, economic, and environmental benefits by increasing property values, reducing storm water runoff, conserving energy, and decreasing the levels of air pollutants. Removal of said trees and replanting with a new/smaller species will signify the loss of a tremendous asset that may or may not be recouped over time. Therefore, UFA formally objects to the removal of these public space trees and we ask that you take our comments into consideration during the decision-making process.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

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Dear Ms. Schellin

Attached is a copy of the comments prepared by the District Department of Transportation's Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) for Case No. 08-21 (Athena Group, LLC Consolidated Review of a Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment @ Square 1356) also known as 4460 MacArthur Boulevard NW. UFA requests that these comments are formally submitted for the February 12, 2009 hearing.

Thank you for your cooperation and should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Earl Eutsler at 202-671-5133 or myself at 202-671-5129.

Regards

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