

West End Citizens Association
Washington, D.C.

Boundaries: 15th Street on the East • Potomac Park on the South
Rock Creek and the Potomac on the West • N Street on the North

April 17, 2009

Ms. Richard Nero, Jr.
Acting Director, Office of Zoning
441-4th Street, N.W. - Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Request for Party Status - Zoning Commission Case No. 08-27 (American
Institute of Architects and American Architectural Foundation)

Dear Mr. Nero:

This letter requests "Party" status for the West End Citizens Association (WECA), of which I am President, for Zoning Commission Case No. 08-27 to be heard on May 18, 2009 (American Institute of Architects and American Architectural Foundation – Map Amendment from SP-2 to C-3-C and PUD).

The WECA, founded in the 1890's and one of the oldest citizen associations in DC, is the principal community organization in the Foggy Bottom-West End area East of 23rd Street. It is primarily interested in maintaining the quality of life for the existing residential community in Foggy Bottom-West End.

The Zoning Commission's Notice of Public Hearing requested the following information from persons requesting Party status:

- (a) The person's name, address, and daytime telephone number: West End Citizens Association, P.O. Box 58098, Washington, DC 20037-8098 (but all correspondence should be directed to Mrs. Barbara Kahlow, 800 25th Street, N.W. #704, Washington, DC 20037), 202-965-1083.
- (b) A request to appear and participate as a party: this letter constitutes a request for Party status.
- (c) Whether the person will appear as a proponent or opponent of the application: opponent.
- (d) Whether the person will appear through legal counsel, and, if so, the name and address of legal counsel: none.
- (e) A list of witnesses who will testify on the person's behalf: WECA Board Member Barbara Kahlow.
- (f) A summary of the testimony of each witness: The WECA will object to the unnecessary proposed Map Amendment (upzoning from SP-2 to C-3-C) and the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) whose authorization in combination would yield a matter-of-right zoning

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(g) An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any experts will be offered, and the resumes or qualifications of the property experts: none.

(h) The total amount of time being requested to present their case: 10 minutes.

(i) A written statement setting forth why the person should be granted party status, including reference to the following:

(1) The property owned or occupied by the person, or in which the person has an interest, that will be affected by the action requested of the Commission: the WECA includes Members from 15th Street on the East, Potomac Park on the South, Rock Creek and the Potomac on the West, and N Street on the North.

(2) The legal interest the person has in such property, such as owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee: the WECA has many owners and tenants with a legal interest in the subject property.

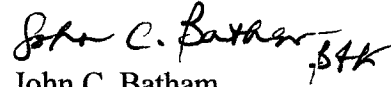
(3) The distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission: the subject property lies within the WECA's boundaries.

(4) The economic, social, or other impacts likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Commission is approved or denied: The proposed Map Amendment and PUD would establish matter-of-right zoning which could adversely affect property values and the quality of life of community residents, such as reduced on-street parking and increased traffic in the Foggy Bottom-West End area.

(5) An explanation of how the person's interest as identified in response to paragraph (4) would likely be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than those of other persons in the general public: WECA Members' could have property values negatively affected and adverse quality of life impacts. The bottom line is that WECA Members' interests will be more significantly, distinctively, and uniquely affected.

If any additional information is needed, Barbara Kahlow can be reached during the day on (202) 965-1083.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Batham". To the right of the signature is a small, stylized monogram or set of initials, possibly "JBK".

John C. Batham
President

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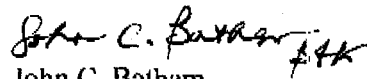
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