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D.C. Zoning Commission  
Suite 210  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
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CFC Number 97800

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 08-34  
Return to L'Enfant  
Planned Unit Development and Zoning Map  
Amendment

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**1876 Historic Synagogue Site:**  
A project of Save America's Treasures  
701 Third Street, N.W. (corner of 3rd & G)

Dear Members of the Commission:

Laura Cohen Apelbaum, Executive Director  
Wendy Turman, Archivist/Curator  
Claire Uziel, Assistant Archivist  
David McKenzie, Curatorial Associate  
Joel Wind, Director of Administration

On behalf of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, (Society), I am writing to express the Society's support for the set down of Zoning Commission Case No. 08-34, proposed planned unit development to redevelop the air rights above the Centerleg Freeway. The Society leases, from the District of Columbia, land at 701 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, N.W., which is the home of the Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum, formerly known as the Adas Israel Synagogue, a historic landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites. In 1969, the Museum was moved from its original location at 6<sup>th</sup> and G Streets to its present site, which is part of the land and air rights that the Louis Dreyfus Property Group is acquiring from the District.

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The plans which Louis Dreyfus has filed with the Zoning Commission show that the Museum would be moved again from its current location to another location within the PUD site at the southeast corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and F Streets and is integrated into the overall PUD. As shown in the PUD application, one of the office buildings that Dreyfus proposes to develop on the North Block will extend into the area now occupied by the Museum.

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The Society has engaged in extended discussions with Louis Dreyfus concerning the impact of the proposed PUD plan and has come to a detailed and long term agreement of terms memorialized in a Memorandum of Understanding. The Louis Dreyfus plan proposes that the Museum would be re-located to a prominent corner of the project and fee simple title to the ground and air rights for both the land on which the historic building is placed, and the adjoining land will be transferred to the Society, while Dreyfus retains the rights to the area below grade and commits to reserve a certain number of parking spaces for our use. In exchange for release to claims to our current property we have agreed to accept a monetary payment. With that payment and other monies we plan to raise, we plan to build a new and expanded facility, which will constitute a major amenity for the neighborhood, and complement nearby cultural attractions such as the National Building Museum, Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, the Newseum, and Koshland Science Museum. It is our

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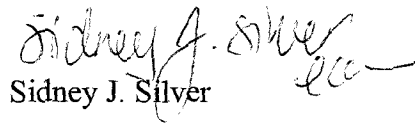
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understanding that the Society would be responsible for the final design of that portion of the project within the parameters of the Zoning Commission's preliminary approval, and that the Society would be the applicant to the Commission for second stage approval of that portion of the South Block.

The Society is pleased to state that it has reached a general agreement with Louis Dreyfus for relocating the Museum to the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and F Streets, NW. This new location will afford the Society the ability to carry out and expand its mission and activities. The Jewish Historical Society is in support of the project based on our Memorandum of Understanding with Louis Dreyfus Property Group, the terms of which are broadly outlined above, and therefore urges the Zoning Commission to schedule a public hearing on the application so that the review and approval process may move forward.

Sincerely,

  
Sidney J. Silver

President