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Dear Mr. Albert:

As you may recall, ANC 7B initiated a meeting with you and your designated development team to discuss community benefits (CB) associated with the Skyland development project in December 2007. This meeting was intended to provide a framework for CB discussions and included specific recommendations developed by this ANC and some developed through discussions with other local organizations.

We feel that it is important to resume bilateral CB discussions. However, we note that the Skyland Project information on your designated developers web site (A) and on the Hillcrest community Civic Association HCCA website (B) give the incorrect impression that community benefits were discussed at the February 2009 monthly ANC meeting. As you may recall, the nine items listed on page 26, listed as community benefits, were not discussed. Additionally, the items listed by the development team on their web site do not reflect the vast majority of the issues included in the notes of the initial ANC 7B/DMPED/Dev-Team meeting.

Now that the ANC 7B elections are over, we urge you to restart the Skyland Community Benefit discussions. Part of the past delays in CB discussions may have been caused by the impressions of some, that CB discussion participants should not have the dual role of negotiator and a local

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Community Organization with a financial stake in the project. We would be happy to discuss this issue as part of any CB meeting.

On the subject of this sale of the Skyland property, we understand that an initial agreement document has been submitted to the city Council. Could you send us a copy of this document? We also note that DC city Council bill B17-0908 puts certain preconditions for the submittal of a land disposition agreement. These conditions included negotiating community benefits with the local ANC prior to formal submission to the city Council. Formal hearings have not been held on this proposed legislation but we would encourage you to apply the intent of this proposed bill to the current Skyland land disposition agreement.

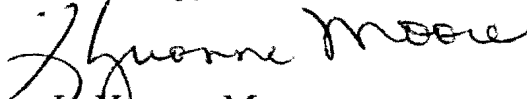
A. See page 26 of:

http://www.skylandtowncenter.com/Downloads/ANC_presentation_Feb_09.pdf

B. Page 26 of:

http://www.hillcrestdc.com/docs/SkylandFeb_2009.pdf

Sincerely,



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