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THE REVEREND RICHARD E. DOWNING
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By HAND
Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Room 201
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Order 16407, Capitol Hill Group request to Vacate Order (MedLINK Hospital and Nursing Facility)

Dear Ms. Reid and members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment

As the Senior Warden of St. James' Episcopal Church and acting representative during the absence of Father Richard E. Downing, I am writing to request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment exclude from the July 3, 2001 hearing any decisions relating to the Request to Vacate Order 16407 by Capitol Hill Group's representatives in light of the lack of notification to the ANC 6A and those with party status, namely St. James' Episcopal Church which is the only abutting neighbor in Square 895.

Although this is simply a request to exclude this request from the July 3, 2001 BZA hearing, I do want to point out two important aspects that should be researched for future hearings.

1. At this time, Capitol Hill Group (MedLINK) has not provided solid statistics as to the number of patients in both the Acute Care Facility and the Nursing Home Facility nor has it provided the actual number of full-time or part-time staff members (including medical personnel). As to Capitol Hill Group's dealings with SHPDA, information should be directly received from Regina Knox Woods, Director of SHPDA, as to the actual time frame for closure of the facilities (which could be anywhere from three months to two years). St. James' staff have seen employees in scrubs with ID badges daily parking on the streets in front of St. James' Church, which demonstrates MedLINK's current inability to provide adequate parking for its staff following the closure of Square 865 parking lots. Indicating Capitol Hill Group's inability to provide adequate parking under BZA Order 16407 and since the closure of the Square 865 parking lots, they would be unable to provide adequate parking under Order No. 15542 (since staff members are already parking on the streets).
2. As to the D.C. Superior Court lawsuit with St. James' Episcopal Church (St.

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James' Episcopal Church v. The Capitol Hill Group, et al., Civil Action No. 00-004792). The case was dismissed on June 19, 2001 but on Friday, June 22, 2001 an appeal was filed in regards to the dismissal by St. James' attorney, Mr. Eric Rome, esq. At this time, both parties are still waiting for a decision on the appeal.

Thank you for your time and service to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Brion Cook

Brion Cook
Senior Warden

cc: Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA, Director, Office of Zoning
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Representatives of ANC 6A
Capitol Hill Coalition for Sensible Development
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs