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Ms. Rita Bamberger
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The Holladay Corporation
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Dear Ms. Bamberger:

I am writing to you following the July 26, 2001 Historic Preservation Review Board meeting to express my optimism following the directives of Chairman Mr. Tersh Boasberg toward the proposed development of the MedLINK facilites by the Holladay Corporation.

As the Rector and representative of St. James' Parish, I agree with Mr. Boasberg that adequate time has not been given for the review of this project and the concerns of the neighborhood have not adequately been address. As we all quote in our every day lives, "Haste makes waste." I agree with Mr. Boasberg that more time needs to be spent in reviewing and developing the proposed development of the MedLINK facilities in close cooperation with the neighborhood groups especially St. James' Episcopal Church which is the only abutting property owner to the proposed development on Square 895 and stands as a hallmark of the historic beauty of our Capitol Hill Neighborhood that is of utmost concern to all parties involved in this proposed endeavor.

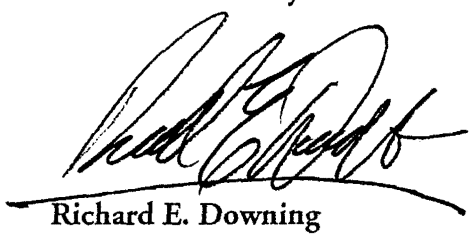
With open arms and a heartfelt spirit of cooperation, we will make every effort to attend any meetings, consultations with architects and neighborhood presentations that the Holladay Corporation will hold in the near future as we slow down this process to create a residential development project, through a spirit of cooperation, that will please not only the developers, future owners and renters of the residential development, and the life-long neighbors surrounding the MedLINK facilities.

Much energy has been exuded toward this project to date but a part of the difficulty has been a lack of direct, open and honest communication amongst all the involved parties. We look forward to the months ahead in which we will have the opportunity to work with you in addressing all the valid concerns for the Holladay Corporation development of the MedLINK facilites including aesthetic characteristics, size, density, mass, parking, and traffic. We gladly open our doors to St. James' facilities for any meeting space needs you will require for upcoming contact with our neighborhood.

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members, associations and groups.

The Lord be with you.



Richard E. Downing

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