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Rector

September 12, 2001

Mr. Tersh Boasberg, Chairman
The Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
941 North Capitol Street, NE
Room 2500
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chairman Boasberg:

As the representative of St. James' Episcopal Church, I appreciate your assistance in opening the avenues of communication between the various neighborhood groups and the Holladay Corporation in regards to the proposed MedLINK development project (H.P.A. 01-310). The Holladay Corporation has substantially revised the project and at a September 6 meeting held at St. James' Church, the design concept was evidently much improved. We thank the Historic Preservation Review Board for enabling this improvement because the Holladay Corporation only responds to you. There are some unresolved issues that remain in relationship to this development. One of which is our expansive magnolia tree in St. James' Parish garden that would be seriously compromised by Building D. Along with several neighborhood groups, we believe the developer should give special consideration for this tree that has been a part of our curb appeal for many generations. The developer thus far has been deaf to our cries concerning this tree. There are other issues of great importance for all living in this community which remain unresolved and the developer refuses to address to the public. We wish to raise our voice in joining with the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A and request the Historic Preservation Review Board not to grant approval to the Holladay Corporations' new concept design until these issues are satisfactorily resolved.

The Lord be with you.

Richard E. Downing

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