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Ms. Shelia Cross Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W. - Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Motion for Reconsideration
BZA Application #16457
Kass MA, L.L.C.
KSI Services, Inc./VERTX/IDS

Dear Ms. Reid:

In May, 1999, KSI Services, Inc. presented its case to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for approval of special exceptions pursuant to Sections 410 and 2516 of the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations to allow for the construction of 35 new single-family detached dwellings with garages in a theoretical lot subdivision and 176 garden apartments in the R-5-A and R-5-B districts. In order to obtain special exception relief, KSI was required to demonstrate that the project will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Maps and will not attend to adversely affect the use of the neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Maps.

On June 2, 1999, the Board voted to deny KSI Services, Inc.'s request for relief based largely on the lack of community support for the project. Since that time, KSI Services, Inc. has participated in a variety of public forums with the community. As a result of these meetings, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C and 8B have formed an ANC Sub-Committeee to work with KSI to: (1) coordinate community participation, (2) negotiate local and minority hiring during the construction and management of the project and (3) establish a process for identifying and implementing KSI's long-term investment in the community.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B, chaired by Hope Etienne , coordinated forums for constituents in the neighborhood to review and comment on the proposed development plan. At their public meeting of September 21, 1999, ANC-8B voted to adopt a resolution in support of KSI's Motion for Reconsideration to the BZA.

These activities demonstrate the community's support of the proposed development plan and KSI's commitment to working with this community. Therefore, I offer my support of KSI's Motion for Reconsideration and the subsequent granting of special exception relief for BZA Application No. 16457.

As Councilmember for Ward 8, I am committed to enhancing quality development east of the Anacostia River and I support KSI's effort in this project.

Sincerely,

Sandra C. "Sandy" Allen
Councilmember - Ward 8

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Exhibit No. 74

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