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Re: The George Washington University Campus Plan
Board of Zoning Adjustment Application N. 16553

Dear Members of the Board:

In an earlier letter I am on record as supporting the George Washington Campus Plan. In support of the plan I also attended the hearing on April 26,2000. It was then that I, a resident of Columbia Plaza, first learned that Mrs. D. Miller represented the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association before the BZA.

I think it is imperative to note that while Ms. Miller was appointed by the Board of the Tenants Association, I believe there is reason to question whether she speaks for the Tenants Association or certainly not a majority of the tenants. I was present at the last election of officers on 9/28/99 when a question was raised as to whether or not a quorum was present. Some fifteen to twenty members were present and it was stated that with a membership of about 20 paid members a quorum was indeed present. Thus it was indicated that the actual paid membership was in the neighborhood of 20 members, hardly a significant proportion of the residents.

It is interesting to note that it was after this meeting that the Board appointed her (Mrs. Miller) "to represent us in the above referenced BZA Case."

I believe it is further significant to note the recalcitrance of the organization to share information with members. Since living in the complex I have attempted to be active in the organization. A year ago I volunteered to organize a committee to provide a bulletin board and to attempt to facilitate communication between tenants. When seeking to publicize the by-laws and other pertinent information about the organization I was not given the information and my motivation was questioned on two occasions. I again sought this information following the BZA Hearing, and while given the minutes of the 9/28/99 meeting, the by-laws and the 5/1/00 letter to the BZA, I was not provided information on the number of members and I was queried regarding my "motives and the timing of this request."

While I have attempted to be an active member of the tenants association and I applaud the efforts of our officers for the time they give voluntarily, I feel it is important that you be provided an insight into the degree to which the Tenants Association speaks for the residents.

Sincerely yours,

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