Serving Ward 8

East of the River Community Development Corporation

... to facilitate the production of housing, business and economic development, youth programs and community revitalization activities...

July 11, 2000

Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Kress:

In concert with friends, neighbors, community groups and other partners, East of the River Community Development Corporation established an aggressive schedule for the completion of "***Plaza 8***". We have relied on, and proceeded, over these many months, based on the best information available to us. We have obtained commitments for financing, have pending contracts with architects, geologists, demolition experts, construction companies, electricians, plumbers, painters, brick masons - and the host of other unnamed disciplines that a project of this nature demands. Along the way, we have experienced delays and internecine miscues that, with time, we were able to resolve. At this time, however, our window of corrective opportunity is almost non-existent.

All of the pieces are in place to complete this project. A postponement, at this juncture, would cause a domino effect that could mean that our financial commitments would time-out. We would have to begin everything all over again; living wage jobs would be delayed. We would essentially lose the predevelopment dollars that have been invested in the process, and the community that has been so vested in the project will have room to doubt the promises made.

Your kind attention to this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely,

W. Retta Gilliam
President/Executive Director

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