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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF ZONING
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May 12, 2000

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am writing to formally request an expedited hearing. This request for a parking variance should be a simple matter that does not require extensive review. We need a hearing date in June so that we can begin construction in July. The reasons we need an expedited hearing are:

1) We are trying to accommodate our tenant Washington Free Clinic who needs to take occupancy January 1, 2001. In order for the clinic to take occupancy by that time we need to begin construction by August 1, 2000.

2) A free clinic is much needed resource in the Petworth Community. We are very excited about renting our space to the clinic as we feel it will be a great mix of services to offer to our constituents. If we are not able to accommodate the clinic they will have to find space elsewhere in the City.

3) We actually began the BZA process on April 3. We self-filed our application with your office, as recommended to us by Edgar Nunley, at the Zoning Division of the Business and Land regulation Administration. A couple of days later the application was rejected and sent back to Edgar Nunley's office. At which point we scheduled a meeting with Mr. Nunley to try to resolve the problem. Mr. Nunley was on vacation and the meeting could not be held until May 2, 2000. At which point, we revised the wording on the front page of the application and requested a letter from his office to be given to your office. The written documentation regarding the meeting was mailed on May 10. That letter was immediately submitted to your office and I am still awaiting a hearing date. I have also attached his letter for your review.

4) Our tenant Washington Free Clinic has extensive documentation regarding their clients modes of transportation to and from the clinic. Most clients take public transportation or are dropped off by a family member.

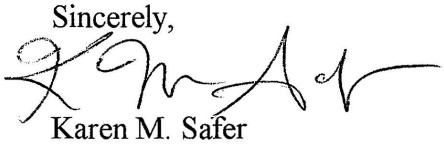
BZA
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DC One Fund
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United Way

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District of Columbia
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Please call me if you have any questions regarding this request. My phone number is (202) 723-3000 X226. I would appreciate any assistance you can offer to resolve this parking variance.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Safer
Director
Real Estate Development and Asset Management