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Re.: Application nunber 16597: A request to submit a statement germane to, and recommending positive consideration of the subject application of Ms. Elaine Carrera of 623 Mellon St., SE.

Date: 09/07/2001

1. We are submitting this letter as proponents of the application.

2. We are property owners of a single family home on a lot which abuts that of Ms. Carrera .
3. Our property line is less than fifteen (15) feet from the structure under discussion.
4. Our decision to advocate for the variance proposed in application # 16597 centers on two factors:

(A) knowledge of a neighbor. Ms. Carrera operates a Community Based Residential Care facility of which she is the central caregiver. She has to negotiate steps upon entry to the facility and , once inside, a stairway of a longer and steeper incline to reach the area of much of her duties. Her physical ability to ambulate and negotiate steps and stairs is compromised.

She currently resides blocks from the core facility under discussion. Leaving and entering at 5am present serious safety considerations for her. Granting the request of this application will permit Ms. Carrera direct egress/ entrance to the residential care facility. Hence,safety and ambulatory considerations will be mitigated.

From our knowledge of the work Ms. Carrera has done in the city and this neighborhood , the varacity of her stated purpose for the variance request cannot be logically called to question.

(B) personal and neighborhood impact. As an immediate neighbor to Ms. Carrera, we can see no negative effects on our property . As a licensed real estate agent, I (Johnnie) do not envision a decrease in neighborhood property or esthetic values as a result of the intended structure.

In summary,

a. We endorse granting of the variance.
b. We see no adverse effects from erecting the structure.
c. Ms. Carrera provides a useful service to the community and deserves perpetuation of her safety and health.
d. Ms. Carrera's good character and service to the community and city lend credance to her stated purpose for requesting the variance.

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