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District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Docket No. 16619, Appeal of Romani & Parry for a Variance to Allow General Office Space at 233 Constitution Avenue, NE, Square 758, Lot 39 (Zoned R-4)

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am writing to oppose the applicant's appeal in the subject matter. The Board was correct in its dismissal of the application this summer after several continuances. Further, as ANC Commissioner for the area I can tell you there is significant neighborhood opposition to the proposed variance. This is an old, well-kept residential neighborhood that contributes significantly to the unique character of Capitol Hill. Allowing commercial zoning of the subject property would result in a serious detriment to that fabric.

There is sufficient office space on Capitol Hill for persons wishing to do business with Congress. There is no need to change the zoning in a thriving neighborhood for this purpose.

Finally, I would point out that parking, both daytime and evening, has historically been a problem in this area, to such a degree that it has been featured in newspaper articles. Allowing a commercial re-zoning would only exacerbate this situation.

For these reasons I respectfully urge the BZA uphold its dismissal of this matter. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at 544-8985.

Sincerely,

Janet Quigley
Commissioner, ANC 6A-05

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P.S. I apologize for the lateness of this letter and appreciate the Board's agreement to accept it. Our mail is still experiencing delays and the October 19, 2001 notification was not received in a timely manner.

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