ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.
The Ambassador

Washington, D.C., October 16, 2000

The Honorable
Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Re: Chancery of the Republic of Azerbaijan; BZA Applicatin No. 16620

Dear Madame Chairperson:

I am the resident of the property located at 3401 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. My residence is located around the corner from the subject property in this case, and it falls within the 200 foot radius from the proposed new Azerbaijan Chancery.

I would like the Board to know that, as a resident, I support the location of the Chancery of Azerbaijan at the proposed site. I say this notwithstanding the fact that I also strongly support preserving the type of generally residential charcter that exists in our neighborhood today. This residential environment is something from which I and a long line of my predecessors and their families have benefited and that we have come to treasure about living here. I am sure the location of our residence was originally selected by my government in large measure because of the neighborhood's character.

At the same time, we do not believe that the location of an Azerbaijan chancery at the proposed site will in any way disrupt the character or our ability to enjoy our own property for its intended residential purposes. The Ambassador of Azerbaijan has described to us the proposed use of his new building. We understand that it will be a relatively small diplomatic mission and that Azerbaijan has no intention of altering the building's external appearance, which is entirely residential in character. We feel confident that, for us and the other surrounding residents, it will be difficult by casual observation to look at the chancery and see any institutional appearance. Our views are also influenced by the understanding that the Azerbaijan Embassy would lack space at

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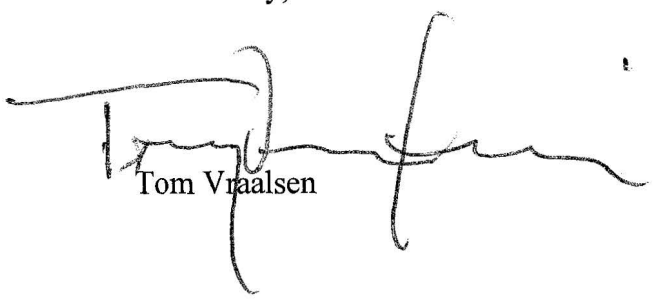
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this location for extensive evening entertainment and that it would therefore continue the current practice of hosting most events at the Ambassador's residence or hotels. Therefore, the parking impact should be minimall.

For these reasons, I have no objections to the Foreign Missions Board of Zoning acting favorably on Azerbaijan's application. I appreciate the opportunity to convey our views on this matter.

Sincerely,



Tom Vraalsen