COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Appeal No. 16642, Georgetown Flea Market

To the Members of the Board:

We urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to grant the appeal filed by the Georgetown Flea Market to permit the Flea Market to continue operations as it has on Sundays only since 1988.

The Flea Market has continually operated in Georgetown since 1973 and with the overwhelming support of the community, two ANCs and its neighbors since 1988 on the parking lot at the Hardy Middle School.

This was approved by the Public School System at a time when this property was not subject to zoning. Indeed, the Flea Market operator inquired as to the necessity to obtain a certificate of occupancy and was told that none was required. Now, more than twelve years later, the Zoning Administrator inexplicably contends that the use is not grandfathered nor permitted to remain in operation consistent with its Sunday only status as a matter-of-right.

When the Council statutorily required government property to be subject to zoning in May 1990, the Council specifically exempted pre-existing uses (D.C. Code §1-250 (a)(2)). Accordingly, we ask that you consider the longstanding use which has the clear support of the local and city-wide citizenry and allow the market to continue to function as the neighborhood Sunday gathering that it has become.

Thank you for the consideration of our views.

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Very truly yours,

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