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Sheila Cross-Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW, Room 210
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Re: Case No. 16648

Dear Ms. Reid,

As the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 6A-03, I have personally attended between 8-10 community meetings concerning BP Amoco's proposed redevelopment of their 3rd and H Street NE location. Clearly, the majority of our community does not want them to continue with their proposal. We have adamantly ask them time and time again, to bring in a local architect to re-study the site and to take into consideration our local character and charm. They have refused.

Yet, on the other hand they tell us that they want to be our neighbor! When we look back over the last 30 or so years and take into consideration the part that they have played as our neighbor. It has not been good. They have allowed the site to badly deteriorate. Changed the one time service of the station to be nothing more than one employee in a very small building that sits there and takes your money. They offer no service, and few products. They have allowed vagrants to approach customers to beg for money, or to offer to pump your gas for you for your extra change. All along, they feel they have existed in our neighborhood as a friendly entity. When in fact, most of the people in our neighborhood admit openly that they do not buy gas or gas products from this BP Amoco location.

Now with the possible resurgence of the H Street corridor, BP Amoco wants to bud from their poor existence into a state of the art gas station and convenience store. Time and time again, numerous members of the community have listened and hoped for a positive suggestion for something different than we've heard. Time and time again, we've suggested many things that would make this proposal more amicable to all of us. Time and time again, they have refused to hear us. They have refused to care enough to change. They have a corporate mentality, and have not and will not be good neighbors.

Clearly, the community has spoken and we do not want BP Amoco to build a new gas station on the corner of 3rd and H Street NE.

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I am in hopes that you will not give them the necessary zoning and licensing permits to further their quest to intimidate this community. They have pulled out all the stops, including bringing people and organizations into the discussion that really don't play any part of the concept, or the immediate community. They've done this in hopes of building momentum and formulating a voice to speak on behalf of their proposal. When in reality, all they needed to do was re-design the station and listen to the desires of the people that would live near the new station as well as be potential customers. They're inability to listen to us now, will only resonate into years of not keeping their promises and not playing the part of being involved like they now suggest.

All of us look forward with great anticipation to your decision. We thank you in advance for your efforts to be fair and thorough in your process.

Regards,

Commissioner G. Keith Jarrell
6A-03

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Note: Please find my attached two page fax as my Single member district submission for the proposed hearing dated Tuesday 06-10-01

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Commissioner, G. Keith Jarrell
6A-03

H STREET MERCHANTS & PREFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

June 18, 2001

Sheila Cross-Reid, Chair
District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: Case No. 16648

Dear Ms. Cross-Reid:

The H Street Merchants and Professional Association, Inc. has been in existence for many years and has been diligent in its efforts to further the development of the H Street commercial corridor and its surrounding near Northeast community. Additionally, HSMPA has implemented ongoing revitalization activities along the corridor, which have boosted security, cleanliness, facade improvements, building partnerships and continued business education for the merchants. We are working together with many DC Government agencies and attempting to encourage growth and commercial development along the corridor

On Thursday November 20, 2000, HSMPA was presented with the immediate plans of BP Amoco, located at Third & H Streets NE, by their representative. After the presentation was an open discussion. Many recommendations came forward in regards to how the Merchants would like to see that site developed.

On Tuesday, June 5, 2001, after careful consideration, HSMPA voted to oppose the expansion of BP Amoco and it's current design. We understand that as a matter of right, another gas station can be built on the present site. We believe that the site should be designed in conjunction with the overall present character of H Street and it's potential improvements. We also approved the concept of an Overlay with a flavor that would encourage development. We believe that buildings built along the corridor should be in conjunction with or improve upon the present character of the existing buildings along the corridor.

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Therefore, we encourage you to consider our position, while we continue building community support and awareness in revitalization efforts along the H Street Corridor.

Sincerely,

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