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Mr. Geoffrey H Griffis, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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By FAX: 27-6072

Re: **BZA Appeal No. 16679**

Dear Mr. Griffis:

The Wesley Heights Historical Society wishes to be a party in the case of BZA Appeal No. 16679 because the case involves issues of the Wesley Heights Zoning Overlay District, and because we have been involved supporting Mrs. Mildred P. Crarey since she first raised in the spring of 1998 the issue of Mr. Chartles Sisson's violations of some of the Overlay District's provisions and the underlying Zoning Code in his additions and new construction at **2920 43rd Street in Wesley Heights**. We have presented information on this case at meetings of ANC3D and testimony before the BZA on several occasions.

The Wesley Heights Historical Society was established in 1989 in response to perceived overdevelopment that threatened to change the character of our neighborhood. Our members sponsored the Wesley Heights Zoning Overlay District that was adopted by the DC Zoning Commission as a means for keeping new building or additions to existing homes to a reasonable level. We are therefore interested in seeing to it that the existing zoning regulations, as well as the Wesley Heights Zoning Overlay District, are enforced in an even-handed manner that allows reasonable additions and modifications to existing homes but do not impact negatively on the character of the entire neighborhood or the quality of life of the immediate neighbors.

This is the rationale and basis for our request for Party Status when the appeal of this case is heard on June 10, 2003.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Watson, President

BZA
**Case No.** 16679
**Exhibit No.** 32

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