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Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director
Gov't of the District of Columbia
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW, Ste. 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application # 16689

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am in receipt of the notice concerning the above mentioned application because I am the owner of the property at 1401 K Street SE, which is diagonally opposite the property owned by Ms. Berry.

I am not sure I have read the notice correctly, but I think she is asking to open up a beauty salon and in combination reopen the three to four year non-operational grocery/convenience store. I am totally unopposed to the beauty salon. But I object strongly to the re-opening of a grocery/convenience store.

Since that earlier store has been closed, the neighborhood has experienced less trash being thrown everywhere and anywhere (including my corner fenced in property). There is less noise. Less congestion in the sense of car traffic stopping, running their motor and people in general hanging out. Fewer school children creating chaos stopping at this store on their way home. That specific grocery/convenience store in the past also had a beer/wine license which obviously aggravated the amount of volume of traffic. There is a 7/11-type store only three blocks away at Potomac Ave. & Pennsylvania Aves. SE There is a McDonald's just two blocks away at 17th and Pennsylvania Ave. SE. There is a carry out at the corner of 12th & Pennsylvania Ave. SE. There is another grocery/convenience store at the corner of 12th and Potomac Ave. SE. This location is only six blocks from the Kentucky Ave. Safeway. I see no reason why this neighborhood would need another grocery/convenience store. I fully understand that Ms. Berry is a responsible owner, landlord and citizen. I personally know her. I also know that she would do her best to keep the area clean. But no one can monitor the area all the time. The re-opening of this store will only bring negative impact to the area. It is unnecessary, due to facilities that abound in close proximity to this specific corner.

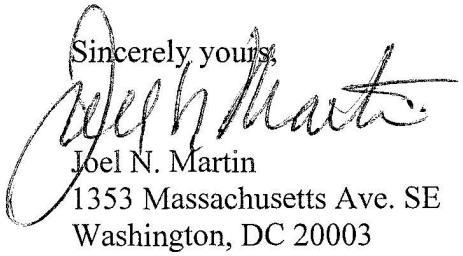
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District of Columbia
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I do not intend to attend or testify at the public hearing. My letter shall suffice as to my interest as a property owner directly effected diagonally across from 963 14th St. SE. If someone wishes to talk with me, I can be reached daily at 202-274-1882.

Thanks for any consideration given this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Joel N. Martin
1353 Massachusetts Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20003

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

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February 21, 2001

APPLICATION NUMBER 16689
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will hold a public hearing in Suite 220, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001 on Tuesday, April 24, 2001. Your attention is invited to the following application:

> **Application of Juanita M. Berry.**, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3103.2, for a use variance under Subsection 330.5 to establish the use of a beauty salon and re-establish the use of a discontinued retail grocery convenience store in an R-4 District at premises 963 14th Street, S.E. (first floor) (Square 1046, Lot 19).

At the public hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views. However, you may submit written views about this case. All written views should be sent to the address below, and must be received by the Board before the hearing on the case is concluded. Individuals and organizations wishing party status in any case before the Board must request that status in writing not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the public hearing on the particular application. The request for party status must contain all the information required by 11 DCMR 3106.2. Section 3106 is enclosed for your information.

This case is in Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B. Cases in this area will be heard between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Cases will be heard in the order listed on the Board's hearing agenda.

If you have any questions about this application, you may call the Office of Zoning on (202) 727-6311, or come to 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210, Washington, D.C. 20001.

PLEASE USE THE APPLICATION NUMBER WHEN YOU WRITE OR CALL ABOUT THIS CASE.

Sincerely,

JERRILY R. KRESS, FAIA
Director

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