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Case No 16696
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Dear Madame Chair and Members of the Board,

This letter is in response to Mr. Craig Goodman's letter dated 18 September 2001 (BZA Application 16696). I cannot address the multiple misstatements, clouded facts, and outright untruths. The neighbors and I have again carefully studied Mr. Goodman's submission and are gravely disturbed at the tenor: from appeals to the law to outright character defamation in my case.

My doctorate is in the Arts not Psychology as he states. In any case, I doubt that I have the incredible power to "mislead neighbors, elected officials, the ANC,OP and the BZA" that Mr. Goodman asserts. Indeed, I informed neighbors about the proposed 31 foot two bedroom, self sustaining unit originally requested by the Goodmans when not one of the neighbors had seen the submitted plans. I zeroxed the plans at the BZA office and circulated them in the neighborhood. When the Goodmans offered a modified plan I took this around to 21 neighbors all of whom remain strongly opposed. All have included telephone numbers except #15 Ben Dixon an elderly gentleman who has lived here longer than anyone else, and is quite outspoken in this matter of self sustaining units on Georgetown alleys.

The neighbors and I engaged Nathan Gross because he certainly has the credentials in zoning matters, and we are pleased that he has shed light on some of the ambiguities of the law in this case. Thank you for the extensive time and attention you have accorded this case.

Sincerely, Mary R Carter

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