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

April 25, 2001

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

Re: BZA Application No. 16700 - Application of The Jerome S. and Grace H. Murray Foundation et al.

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to request your approval of the referenced Application for the new 4th and H Street apartment project at the May 8 Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing.

As Councilmember for Ward 6, it is my mission to improve the quality of life for citizens of Ward 6 and the city. The Mayor's goal of a "Living Downtown," with a significant new housing component in the downtown area, is consistent with this mission. The 4th and H Street project is consistent with our mission. As proposed, the project offers over 350 new apartment units and new tax revenue where a surface parking lot exists today.

The developer has worked extensively with the Historic Preservation Review Board, Office of Planning, Mayor's office and others to craft a design that balances all the goals of these groups while still maintaining a handsome and economically-sensible design. To ensure that the project remains viable, the zoning adjustments requested in the application are required.

We believe that realizing this number of apartment units represented in the current design is imperative to meet the city's policies for this area. Your approval of the referenced application is required to ensure that the project becomes a reality.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ambrose

Sharon Ambrose
Councilmember Ward 6

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