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Ms. Sheila Cross-Reid, Chairperson
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BZA Case 16702
Georgetown Incinerator, Sq 1189, Lot 88

Dear Ms. Reid and Members of the Board

I am writing about the controversy in Georgetown over the request to add an additional floor to the Incinerator Site. Letters are appearing in the press opposing this request based in large part on the alleged position of the residents.

As a resident of Georgetown and former President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown I think it is important to know that the question of whether to oppose this request was never submitted to the membership of that organization so no one knows what the position of the residents really is. Many of the residents to whom I have spoken believe as I do that the request should be granted.

While financial hardship which may well shut down the project is the reason behind the request, the real question is whether the increase in height will cause any substantial harm to the surrounding properties. All of the surrounding properties are either situated much higher or are classified W-2 which allows them to be 20 feet higher as a matter of right. I can not see how the additional floor is going to cause any real harm.

A major argument in opposition to the change is that granting this request would set a new precedent. However this reasoning could result in the prevention of any future changes requested by a project for new or unique reasons after its initial approval. Each request for a change should be judged separately on its own merits. As I stated before the real question is whether the request will cause substantial harm to surrounding properties.

In my opinion this project is the most important development in Georgetown in many years. Its completion is essential for the development of the Waterfront Park and it will bring substantial additional business to Georgetown. It is the largest development in Georgetown since Washington Harbor. We need it.

Sincerely,

Clyde F. Shorey Jr.

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