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5521 Hawthorne Place NW
Washington, DC 20016
October 17, 2001

Ms. Sheri Pruitt
Secretary, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application #16710

Dear Ms. Pruitt:

As long time residents of 5521 Hawthorne Place NW and 25-year residents of Washington, DC, we write to you in strong opposition to the above referenced application of Vinay Pande for a "special exception" under Section 223 of 11 DCMR §3104.1. This "special exception" would allow construction of a canopy over a driveway and stairway at a home located at 5210 Klingle Street, N.W. At the BZA Public Hearing held on Tuesday, October 16, 2001, we were requested to send a copy of this letter to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D, an official party to this case, to provide notice to the applicant.

We are grateful for the chance to clarify our opposition to the request for a special exception. **However, first we would like to point out that those of us who are opposed to this application are totally invested in the revitalization of our neighborhood as well as the preservation of its architectural and community character.** We are actively and directly involved in the support of neighborhood businesses, the public schools, the city recreational facilities, and the beautification of our neighborhood streets and MacArthur Boulevard.

The primary issue that we believe supports this challenge is the applicant's request for a "special exception under Section 3104." Our understanding is that these types of exceptions generally relate to use and adaptive use. Given the extent of the project and location of the proposed structure at the property line**, it is apparent that the applicant should be seeking a "variance under Section 3103." Please give this issue careful consideration.**

A second major concern is the precedent that this would set, both in the types of future applications for projects and the granting of the "special exception" for this particular type of application. Approval of this application would set a precedent which would allow for permanent, obtrusive structures to be constructed which would substantially intrude upon the character, scale and pattern of houses fronting Hawthorne Place and others in our neighborhood.

Finally, this proposed structure would be a permanent obtrusion to our household and all those fronting Hawthorne Place. It violates the integrity of the street scene and particularly the character, scale and pattern of houses on our street.

Mr. Pande has not complied with the request of the ANC 3D to tear down his illegal structure and to provide an agreeable plan to those of us who are considered a "line of sight" neighbor. **Because of this non-compliance and the reasons listed above, we strongly request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment deny the applicant's request for a "special exception."**

Sincerely,

Leo Coco

Susan H. Coco

Cc: ANC 3D

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Exhibit No. 47

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