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May 29th, 2001

District of Columbia Government
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Northwest
Room # 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: BZA Application Number 16713
Nathaniel Baker
1706 Trinidad Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Board Members:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B (ANC 5B) held a public meeting on May 3rd, 2001, proper notice of that meeting was given by the ANC.

Mr. Nathaniel Baker was given a n opportunity to explain his plan and request for a zoning variance for a hair salon at 1706 Trinidad Avenue, Northeast. After hearing Mr. Baker's presentation and a question and answer period from commissioners and citizens' concerns ANC 5B voted unanimously to oppose

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Mr. Baker's application for a zoning variance. ANC 5B has eleven (11) commissioners. Six (6) commissioners are needed to establish a quorum. Ten (10) commissioners were present, and ??????

Mr. Baker's application appears to be false, or at the least, in complete disclosure. The application stated the building would have 2 apartment units and a hair salon. Mr. Baker has a sign on the building which indicates that he has a church on the premise as well. He divulged this information to me after persistent questions to him in a telephone conversation on April 19th, 2001. At the May 3rd, 2001 public meeting, he did not disclose this information on his application, he stated that he is the only one at the church on Sundays. We would also like an investigation as to whether Mr. Baker has received the appropriate zoning to have a church on the premise.

Mr. Baker does not have adequate parking for a commercial facility. There is no off-street parking available. There is insufficient parking on the street for a hair salon, employees and customers. Trinidad Avenue is a bus route and a main thorough-fare in the Trinidad community. People dropping off and/or picking up customers would create a traffic jam.

Trinidad is a residential community. It is the desire of the residents to maintain a quiet residential community with as little commercial business as possible. There is sufficient commercial establishments on the perimeter of the community, i.e. Bladensburg Road, Florida Avenue and Mount Olivet Road. We do not need to bring commercial establishments into the heart of the community itself.

In addition, I attended the PSA 508 meeting on April 25th, 2001 and the Royal Family Block Club unanimously voted against Mr. Baker's application for a zoning variance.

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It is the consensus of the residents of Trinidad that they do not want a hair salon at 1706 Trinidad Avenue, Northeast. Accordingly, ANC 5B oppose Mr. Baker's application for a zoning variance. We respectfully request that Mr. Baker's application for a variance be denied.

Rhonda Chappelle, Chairperson of ANC 5B and/or Commissioner George Jackson, Single Member District 5B05 are authorized by the commission to represent ANC 5B with regards to this matter before the BZA.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Chappelle, Chairperson ANC 5B

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