Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C
680 Rhode Island Avenue N.E.
Suite H-4
Washington, D.C. 20017

In reference to the Public Hearing on Appl. # 16758

September 5, 2001

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am Helen Strothers, a homeowner and long-time resident of the Brookland community in Washington, D.C. for over forty (40) years living at 1217 Lincoln Street, Northeast.

I was surprised and dismayed to learn about the proposed gasoline service station at 1300 Rhode Island Avenue N.E.

First, there was no posted public sale notice on the property. The community should have been made aware of the status of the property and the pending, now completed sale.

Second, the idea of a *24-hour continuously operating* gasoline station/convenience store/carwash in a long established residential area is not an acceptable use of this property. It would not enhance the Brookland community but effectively destroy the community's residential character.

Brookland's main attractions are shops and restaurants, not mammoth service stations that are more appropriate in an industrial/heavy commercial section.

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I plan to be at the next hearing to voice my opinion. As a taxpayer and a loyal community activist, I do not feel that this is a project that the community needs and would support.

I have viewed other similar projects in Washington and was not happy with what I found. These types of stations destroy community's character, draw crime and increase its' noise and traffic. They do not enhance or improve.

Thank you for listening to my opinion. Residents that I spoken with have similar views.

Sincerely,

Helen F. Strothers

Helen Strothers 832-3840

C.C: Vincent Orange, Councilman, Ward 5
Michael Johnson, Administrator, Comm'r Reg. Affairs, Zoning Dept.
Sondra Jefferson, Commissioner, ANC 5

I have attended the Brookland Civic Association meeting on August 29 at Ark of Patmos Church and September 18 meeting at Franklin D. Nash United Methodist Church to express my opinion against the proposed application by BP Amoco to construct a gasoline service station on the site of 1300 Rhode Island Avenue, Northeast, in my neighborhood.