Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association, Inc.

September 14, 2001

Subject: Opposition to Proposed BP-Amoco Gasoline Station at 13th and Rhode Island Avenue, NE

To: Honorable Members of the Board
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, Northwest Suite 220 South
Washington, D. C. 20001

From: Regina M. James, President, Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association, Inc.

RE: BZA Application Number: 16758
BP Amoco Corporation
1300 Rhode Island Avenue, Northeast

Resolution

"That the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association Inc., go on record, in writing, opposing the construction of the BP Amoco Gasoline Station at 13th and Rhode Island Avenue, Northeast Opposition letters shall be sent to the Mayor, Council of the District of Columbia, Office of Planning, and the Board of Zoning Adjustment."

This citizen petition is forwarded to seek your assistance and positive response to our concerns about maintaining the quality of life in our community. In this regard, your assistance and that of the responsible agencies is requested to assure that the citizen concerns are respected when approvals are sought to support the pending application to construct a BP Amoco Gasoline Station at 13th and Rhode Island Avenue, Northeast.

To address this issue, on August 29, 2001, we convened a meeting at the Isle of Patmos Baptist Church. This meeting was called to hear a presentation given by Mr. John Lombardo, Mr. Dan Duke, and Mr. Christopher Collins, Esq., representatives of BP Amoco, on the proposed construction. Citizens present included members of the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association, Mr. James D. Berry, Chairperson of ANC 5C, Ms. Norma Broadnax, Chairperson of ANC 5A, Commissioner Debbie Smith, ANC 5C10, Commissioner Daniel Pernell, III, ANC 6A02, Senior Pastor Calvin Matthews of Isle of Patmos Baptist Church, Pastor M. Shearin of Israel Baptist, and members of other community groups.

The presentation was concentrated, primarily, on architectural aspects of the proposed gasoline station, 24 hour convenience store and car wash complex. There was little or no information on the positive or negative effects of the complex on the citizens or neighborhood properties. As a result, many concerns were raised and discussed without positive responses from the presenters. Significant among the many concerns raised were the following:

- What were the recommendations from the Office of Planning?
- Has the report from the Office of Planning been finalize, if so please provide us a copy.
- What is the F. A. R. ?
- Has a traffic Assessment study been completed and analyzed by Department of Public Works? Specifically, when the Brentwood development opens and its effects on the surrounding residential communities
- What impact will the proposed gasoline station have on the Brentwood Fire Department facility next door?

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- WHAT ASSURANCES ARE THERE THAT OUR COMMUNITY WILL NOT SUFFER GAS LEAKAGE PROBLEMS SUCH AS THOSE EXPERIENCED BY THE CITIZENS IN SOUTHEAST D. C.?
- IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, WHAT ARE THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS FOR THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES?
- HAS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY BEEN COMPLETED?

IN THE ABSENCE OF POSITIVE RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND OTHER EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT CHILDREN'S SAFETY, THE INFLUX OF CUSTOMERS USING THE FACILITY TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY, IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE PROPOSED GASOLINE STATION PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND IS IMPLEMENTED BY THIS COMMUNICATION

RESPECTFULLY,

REGINA M. JAMES

CC: THE HONORABLE MAYOR ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS, MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
THE HONORABLE JAMES D. BERRY, JR., CHAIRPERSON OF ANC 5C
THE HONORABLE NORMA BROADNAX, CHAIRPERSON OF ANC 5A
REVEREND CALVIN L. MATTHEWS, SENIOR PASTOR OF ISLE OF PATMOS BAPTIST CHURCH
MR. ARTHUR JACKSON, OFFICE OF PLANNING