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May 17, 2002

Mr. Geoff Griffis, Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16815 - Adams Alley, LLC
Redevelopment of the Former Colortone Building
Letter of Support from The Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Patricia M. Sitar Center, I request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment approve BZA Application No. 16815. As you are aware, The Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts (Sitar Center) is a non-profit organization that provides music and arts education to children in the Adams Morgan and Reed Cooke Neighborhoods. Our current facilities are located at 2525 Ontario Road, N.W. With the approval of this application, we will be able to move into larger and more efficient space in the former Colortone Building.

We have been working with the developer of this project for a considerable amount of time in making sure that our space in the proposed project will address all of our physical needs, while also making sure that our children can get to the property in a safe manner. We appreciate the steps that the developer has taken to consider the safety of our children. With the inclusion of the dedicated walkway inside the building, we believe that the danger to our children has been notably reduced. We have also agreed to have an alley crossing guard present at the peak times when our student members come to the Sitar Center

We believe that our presence in this project is an important and significant benefit to the Adams Morgan and Reed Cooke communities. We appreciate the opportunity to remain in the neighborhood by renting space in this project at below-market rates. We believe that this is an good opportunity for our organization and for the neighborhood, as most of our members live in the immediate area and walk to our existing location. These members will also walk to our new location in this project.

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Once again we ask that the Board approve this application. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Buckley
Executive Director