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December 6, 2001

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustments
Acting Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC

Re: Appeal #16821

Dear Board Members:

Hardy Middle School's Local School Restructuring Team (LSRT) is in support of Safeway's appeal of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy to operate a flea market on Sundays at the Hardy Middle School.

Hardy Middle School property is zoned R-3. The flea market is a commercial operation.

The Zoning Administrator in a letter dated October 6, 1999, ruled a variance from the zoning regulations is required to operate a commercial flea market on residentially zoned Hardy Middle School property.

The operator of the flea market filed an application for a zoning variance and an appeal of the zoning administrator's decision.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment denied the zoning variance on March 29, 2001. A decision by the Board of Zoning Adjustment on the appeal of the zoning administrator was pending when J. Gregory Love, Administrator, Building and Land Regulation Administration, D.C. Department of Consumer Regulatory Affairs signed a certificate of occupancy usurping the authority of the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

It is not in the public interest for an individual of the D.C. government to seize the authority of the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment thereby taking away the public's right to a public process for variance cases. Therefore, Hardy Middle School's LSRT supports the Safeway appeal. The Hardy community has long been on record opposing the flea market on school property.

We believe schools should be for the use of the children.

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cc: Mayor of the District of Columbia
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District of Columbia Public Schools Superintendent

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We are the faculty of Hardy Middle School. We have read and are in full agreement with the letter of support written by the LSRT for the Safeway's appeal of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the Georgetown Flea Market.

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