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Office of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, Room 210
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Attn. Mrs Maxine Brown-Roberts, A/CP

Dear Sir or Madam:

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As a result of my presentation and the strong support of Commisioner John Chagnon , the Panel voted to oppose the City Gate application. I strongly urge the BZA also to reject the application. There are simply too many unanswered questions about the proposed use of the property (which I might add ,was not presented to SSHCA in advance of City Gate's application) that seem to point to a major disruption of and disturbance to the residential nature of our community. City Gate in our view has not met the requirements of the overlay essentially on grounds of incompatibility and its application should be denied at this time.

I understand that my presence is not required at the February 12 , 2002, hearing. However, I can be reached at 202-501-8636 (w) or 882-7882(eve.) for any additional information. Please note that this letter serves as supplement to another letter on the subject sent by me. I was informed that the first letter did not include sufficient information.

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Exhibit No. 22

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