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Mr. Geoffrey H. Griffis
Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Room 210
Washington D.C. 20001

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RE: BZA Application No. 16833

Dear Chairman Griffis & Board Members,

Thank you for bringing to my attention Ms. Dodie Butler's February 11th letter to the Board (exhibit 30). I would like the record to reflect my responses to her questions.

My father, Paul Meijer, has authorized my activities in this case. He has asked me to be his spokesperson in this case due to his age (80). He was sitting next to me at the hearing before the Board last week. My dad, who is an avid biker, has been working to achieve a bike path from Union Station to Silver Spring for approximately the last 10 years. His work is as a Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Branch Trail, a committee of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, which has successfully obtained considerable Federal funding for this important public facility. At the official opening of a completed segment of the bike path in DC, my father was part of the ribbon-cutting group that included DC Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (see photo in bike trail brochure). The achievement of this bike path is a dream to which my father has dedicated many years of his life.

I was raised in DC. My brother and sisters and I all attended public schools in the District of Columbia. In addition to graduating from Coolidge High School in 1971, I also attended Armstrong Adult Education Center and Washington Technical Institute (now UDC). My parents still live in the Shepherd Park home I grew up in and a sister resides nearby in Takoma Park DC. Although I currently live in Maryland, I have for many years been involved in citizen activities on behalf of both DC and Maryland. Attached is a copy of DC Council Resolution # 11-390, which refers to one of those activities. In fact, the goals of the Gateway Coalition, which I helped found approximately 10 years ago and of which I am now Co-Chair, are focused on bettering the neighborhoods surrounding Georgia Avenue in both DC and Maryland.

It is my understanding that supporters of the bike path attended meetings of the community groups referred to by Ms. Butler. Although their concerns regarding this proposed development's effect on the preferred path were raised, they were disregarded by these organizations. This is why my father and I, as well as the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, voiced our opposition at the hearing last week.

Finally, the law firm of Knopf & Brown has successfully represented me and my family in a number of zoning matters and my father fully supports the retention of that law firm to represent us in this one.

Sincerely,

Daniel Meijer

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
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EXHIBIT NO.41

Council of the District of Columbia

Resolution

Presents the following Resolution:

COUNCILMEMBER JARVIS

CHAIRMAN CLARKE
COUNCILMEMBER CROPP
COUNCILMEMBER MASON
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH

COUNCILMEMBER BRAZIL
COUNCILMEMBER EVANS
COUNCILMEMBER PATTERSON
COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS

COUNCILMEMBER CHAVOUS
COUNCILMEMBER LIGHTFOOT
COUNCILMEMBER RAY
COUNCILMEMBER WHITTINGTON

DANIEL MEIJER RECOGNITION RESOLUTION OF 1996

WHEREAS, DANIEL MEIJER IS A RESIDENT OF SOUTH SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND;

WHEREAS, DANIEL MEIJER GREW UP IN SHEPHERD PARK, WHERE HIS PARENTS STILL RESIDE, AND ATTENDED CALVIN COOLIDGE HIGH SCHOOL;

WHEREAS, DANIEL MEIJER IS THE PRESIDENT AND OWNER OF DANCO ELECTRONICS SERVICE SPECIALISTS WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1975;

WHEREAS, DANIEL MEIJER IN 1990, WAS A CONSULTANT FOR THE CAPITAL HILL ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A;

WHEREAS, DANIEL MEIJER IS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH SILVER SPRING BUSINESS GROUP, THE SILVER SPRING TRAFFIC COALITION, AND AN ACTIVE AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE GATEWAY COALITION ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIED CIVIC GROUP;

WHEREAS, SINCE 1978, DANIEL MEIJER HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF NEIGHBORS, INC., A MEMBER OF THE SILVER SPRING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SINCE 1988, AND AN ELECTED BOARD MEMBER OF THE TRAFFIC COALITION IN 1990;

WHEREAS, DANIEL MEIJER IS A CONTRIBUTING WRITER TO THE GRIDLOCK GAZZETTE;

WHEREAS, FROM 1988 TO 1990, DANIEL MEIJER WAS A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE SILVER SPRING ACTION GROUP;

WHEREAS, IN 1989, DANIEL MEIJER WAS A MONTGOMERY BLAIR JAZZ BAND SPONSOR;

WHEREAS, DANIEL MEIJER SERVED AS 2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ALLIED CIVIC GROUP IN 1992;

WHEREAS, DURING THE JUNIPER-BLAIR CONTROVERSY, DANIEL MEIJER WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY NOT ONLY AS THE SINGLE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, BUT IT WAS HE WHO DISCOVERED THE 20 YEAR OLD CONSENT DECREE INVOLVING THE JUNIPER-BLAIR SITE, WHICH ULTIMATELY FORCED A SETTLEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE CITIZENS;

WHEREAS, WHEN IT CAME TO THE JUNIPER-BLAIR CONTROVERSY, DANIEL MEIJER WAS TRULY THE "BRAINS OF THE OPERATION"; AND

WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 20, 1996, DANIEL MEIJER IS BEING HONORED BY HIS NEIGHBORS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SUPPORT TO THE JUNIPER-BLAIR PROJECT.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THAT THIS RESOLUTION MAY BE CITED AS THE "DANIEL MEIJER RECOGNITION RESOLUTION OF 1996."

SEC. 2. THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMENDS DANIEL MEIJER AND FINDS THIS A MOST APPROPRIATE TIME TO HONOR AND APPLAUD HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

I hereby Certify that this Resolution is true and adopted as stated herein.

Resolution Number: 11-390

Date: MARCH 5, 1996

SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL