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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: **BZA Case #16836, The Washington Home**

Gentlemen:

I write to ask that you **not** approve the request of The Washington Home for the addition of nearly 100 parking spaces. I live two blocks from The Washington Home and all of the neighbors I have spoken to, with the exception of Mr. Henry Guyot, are strongly against this paving project.

The Washington Home has not demonstrated to the neighborhood a need for this addition to their parking lot. They admit that they have not looked into securing the present parking lot from unauthorized parking, nor have they investigated a shuttle bus system from the Metro (perhaps in collaboration with close neighbor, Fannie Mae), or any form of parking subsidy for their staff. I do not believe they are considering any type of "green" or permeable parking surface. Surely all of these these are necessary considerations before a huge paving project is undertaken.

While no one can argue against the addition of 4 beds to The Washington Home, the addition of almost 100 parking spaces at the same time is grossly out of proportion to the addition of these beds. The Washington Home has been a good neighbor; its grounds are beautiful and well maintained and are a delight in every season. Their activities and facilities are open to the neighbors. The grounds have always been available to children sledding, older residents strolling, neighbors sitting at the gazebo or walking their dogs, etc. The proposed hugely expanded parking lot will not only be a visual blight in the neighborhood, but will destroy much needed and appreciated open/green space.

The increased heat and water run off will adversely affect the neighborhood. Additionally, if each of these spaces is occupied by a different car 3 times a day, corresponding to staff 8-hour shifts, this will amount to over 100,000 extra car trips into the Home, and our neighborhood, per year. This increase in traffic and exhaust will put a huge strain on the already congested area that is only ½ block from Wisconsin Avenue, one block from Van Ness Street, and one block from Reno Road, all of which are very heavily traveled streets.

I respectfully ask that you deny the request of The Washington Home for the addition of 98 additional parking spaces.

Sincerely,

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& Clement Dinsmore

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