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RE: BZA application 16860 (formerly Kentucky Courts)

Jerrily Kress
Director, D.C. Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

April 19, 2002

Dear Ms. Kress:

I am a founding member of the Kentucky Courts Neighborhood Task Force, which has been the official community representative in negotiations with the D.C. Housing Authority in regards to the redevelopment of the Kentucky Courts property, bounded by 14th and C Streets SE and Kentucky Avenue.

I also live close the site and am president of the Hill East, Inc. community group.

I wish to make the following points in support of the zoning variances the developers, IDS, have applied for:

- The project and plans have been presented and explained in various community forums and are wholeheartedly supported by the community.
- In recent months, I have contacted neighbors in properties adjacent to the site and have encountered no complaints about the proposed plans or variances. (Most neighbors say the redevelopment can't begin soon enough.)
- I have made presentations about the status of the redevelopment at recent neighborhood meetings (as recently as last night) and have encountered only support of the plans.

The Kentucky Courts redevelopment will be a centerpiece in the revitalization of a once troubled neighborhood. Neighbors of the site – that is, the dozens I've contacted – only hope that the requested variances will be granted and the project can proceed.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Myers

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