D.C. BRANCH OF THE NAACP
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

STATEMENT

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FOR

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IN SUPPORT OF

PROPOSED RANDLE HIGHLANDS MANOR SENIOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

BEFORE

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

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STATEMENT OF NAACP

MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS NED SLOAN AND I RESIDE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

I AM COUNSEL AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DC BRANCH OF THE NAACP.

AT ITS BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 27, 2002, THE BOARD UNAMIOUSLY VOTED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED RANDLE HIGHLANDS MANOR SENIOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN THE RANDLE HIGHLANDS SECTION OF SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON.

WE REQUEST THAT THE BOARD APPROVE:

1)THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS ALLOWED AS A MATTER OF RIGHT IN R-5-A ZONE, 2)A VARIANCE FROM THE FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) PERMITTED IN AN R-5-A ZONE AS REQUIRED TO DEVELOP THE FACILITY AT THE SITE.

THE PROPOSED FACILITY IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE RANDLE HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD.

MANY NAACP MEMBERS AND ITS CONSTITUENTS ARE ELDERLY CITIZENS, IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WHO WOULD BENEFIT

FROM THIS FACILITY. THE NAACP HAS LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES AND A POLICY TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR OUR SENIORS. PRESENTLY THERE ARE NO SUCH ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES IN SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THIS GROUP. THERE ARE NO ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES AVAILABLE. THUS THE NEED IS GREAT FOR UNDESERVED SENIOR CITIZENS. THIS FACILITY WILL MEET THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME CITIZENS IN THE DISTRICT .

BECAUSE THERE ARE NO SUCH FACILITIES IN THE TARGETED AREA, SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON, SENIORS ARE NOW LIVING IN NURSING HOMES OR WITH RELATIVES. THE FACILITY WILL PROVIDE SOME DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE AND ALLOW THE SENIORS TO REMAIN IN THE CITY WHERE THEY HAVE LIVED, REARED THEIR CHILDREN, WHERE THEIR CHURCH AND OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES ARE LOCATED.

WITHOUT THIS FACILITY THE NAACP POLICY OF SUPPORTING PROGRAMS FOR ITS SENIOR CITIZENS WILL BE ADVERSELY IMPACTED AS WILL THE DC GOVT POLICY FOR AIDING SENIORS. THE RANDLE HIGHLANDS FACILITY WILL BE THE FIRST ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IN ANACOSTIA.

THE NAACP SUPPORTS THIS FACILITY.

IN CONCLUSION WE URGE THE R-5-A TO APPROVE THE REQUESTED CHANGES SO THAT THE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSISTED LIVING FACILITYCAN BE BROUGHT ON LINE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE POSITION OF THE NAACP AT THIS HEARING.

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