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Re: Request for June Docket
Consideration of Request
for Zoning Variance

Property:	Lot 203, Square 2875 2129 9th St., N.W. Washington, DC 20001
Owner:	Howard University
Owner's address:	2400 6th St., N.W. WDC 20059
Applicant:	Michael R. Biel, on behalf of Lessee/ Lessee's Agent
Present Use:	Parking Lot/Howard University
Proposed Use:	Parking Lot/Public in CR Zone

Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

Please consider placement on the June Docket our Application for Zoning Variance authorizing use of the above-referenced Property, in Zoning District CR, as a public Parking Lot, operated by the Lessee of the Property, Sledge, Inc., in conjunction with its business, The 9:30 Club.

There is some urgency triggering this Request. The Lessee, and its agent operating the Parking Lot created originally for staff, students and employees of Howard University and Howard University Hospital, have been stymied in the process necessary in obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy for use of the Lot as a pubic parking facility, and as a result, have been cited for unauthorized use, and in responding to the citating agency, the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, we have assured them that we will seek to accelerate at every opportunity the steps in obtaining the approvals necessary for the Certificate of Occupancy.

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Another very practical reason giving rise to the urgency of this Request for the June Docket is that an appropriately licensed parking lot is essential in reducing vehicular traffic around the premises of The 9:30 Club -- 815 V St., N.W. -- which abut the premises of Howard University Hospital -- 7th and V Sts., N.W. -- a primary emergency care facility in the District of Columbia. The 9:30 Club has a number of already sold-out shows in June and July, 2002.

Thank you for your consideration of this Request for scheduling our Application for Variance to allow a public parking lot in a CR Zone on the June Docket.

Very truly yours,
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