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Mr. Geoffrey H. Giffif
Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment
One Judiciary Square
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Washington DC 20001.

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Re: BZA Case No. 16938

Dear Chairman Giffif:

The D. C. Branch of the NAACP supports the proposed special exception to the zoning regulations sought by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C., in the above-captioned case. We have had a strong and productive civic relation with the "Grande Lodge" dating back 15 years.

The request for the special exception that the Grand Lodge seeks a common sense approach to the neighborhood's "on street" parking problem. The Shaw neighborhood is undergoing a major economic and cultural revitalization effort. The result in increased traffic in the area and a limited number
of parking spaces.

Our organization strongly believes that new business ventures such as a restaurants, bars, and retail stores help strengthen the community. Business interests however, should not be preferred over the Grand Lodge, which has been an anchor in the retoration of the community. It continues to have a real need for the continued use of its parking lot.

The Grand Lodge has been an integral part of the Shaw community since 1848 at their current location since 1929. Their programs and activities have always been consistent woith best interest of the community they serve.

We request that the BZA grant the special exception to the zoning regulations that the Grand Lodge has had since 1974.

Sincerely,

Morris L. Shearin

Rev. Morris L. Shearin
President

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