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Andrew Altman
Director
Office of Planning
801 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 4000
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Altman:

This correspondence is associated with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge's (PHGL) request to receive our Certificate of Occupancy Permit with "special exception status" for our parking lot located at 1902 Vermont Avenue, NW, from the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

We have been in contact with the appropriate municipal offices to insure that we are in compliance with all applicable DC guidelines. We are committed to fulfilling all of the necessary requirements and want to be certain that we have not inadvertently skipped any requirements.

As you may know, the PHGL does not have fulltime regulatory specialists and is a charitable organization seeking to provide scholarship, outreach and philanthropic assistance to the greater DC Metropolitan community. Our membership volunteers their own personal time and skills to address issues such as these:

RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY REQUEST & REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- **Noise Concerns** – We have contacted the DC Metropolitan Police Department via correspondence with Chief Ramsey to determine whether noise complaint violations have been occurring at our property with a commitment to take appropriate action as necessary;
- **Traffic Concerns** – We have made contact with the DC Department of Transportation via correspondence with Director Tangherlini to request that a "Do Not Enter" traffic sign be approved for display at the corner of Vermont and T Streets, NW, due to reports that motorists illegally enter the parking lot from the incoming southbound lanes of Vermont Avenue;
- **Sewer System Concerns** – We have reached a verbal agreement with Mr. Charles Johnson of the DC Office of Water and Sewer to utilize the DC

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WASA sewer system located in the alley between Vermont and 11th Streets, NW for purposes of water drainage and runoff;

- **Historic Preservation** – We have made contact with the Development Review and Historic Preservation Office via correspondence with Deputy Director McCarthy, to insure that we are in compliance with DC guidelines concerning the historical aspects of our property; and
- **Sanitation Concerns** – We have made contact with the Sanitation Enforcement Division via correspondence with Litter Control Inspector Felder to confirm our commitment to the upkeep of our property.

Should there be any concerns or recommendations from your staff or any of the affected agencies, please let me know so that I can immediately address them. Please feel free to contact me directly at: (202) 462-8878.

Sincerely,

Aaron R. Jordan
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia

Cc: Carol Mitten, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment