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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairperson
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RE: **Board of Zoning Application No. 16967**

Dear Mr. Griffis:

This letter is written in response to my telephone conversation with Ms. Beverly Bailey of your office on 13 February 2003 and receipt via fax, of a letter written to you by Regina James.

Kindly be advised that I have attended three meetings on the referenced project with Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners and citizen stakeholders. I presented the plans to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B on 9 January 2003 at the Fifth District Precinct. I presented the plans for the referenced project to ANC Commissioners and citizen stakeholders on 24 January 2003 at the McDonald's Restaurant at 16th and Benning Road, N.E. The presentation was made at the request of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Keith Silver. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Regina James, Terrance McMichael and Kathy Henderson also attended the presentation of 24 January 2003. At the request of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Rhonda Chappell, I attended a community forum at the Trinidad Recreation Center on 13 February 2003. The presentation at the Trinidad Recreation Center was made by Michael Bullock of the Department of Public Works.

I was neither advised of nor invited to the meeting of 6 February 2003. I have expressed my willingness to meet at any time to discuss the project. I again reiterate my willingness to present the project to all interested parties.

Sincerely

Austin L. Spriggs

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