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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Chairperson Griffis:

I write regarding Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) case No. 16970, pertaining to the National Child Research Center (NCRC).

During an April 21, 2004, Judiciary Committee hearing concerning the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), several residents complained about what they viewed as a lack of transparency and alleged *ex parte* contacts in the case. At the time, I expressed my view that an OAG memorandum to the BZA members, prepared by attorneys in the Land Use and Public Works section after the BZA's January 6, 2004 public meeting, should be made part of the official record of case No. 16970, to ensure the transparency of the decision-making process. I made this statement in light of the principle that the decision should be made based upon the public record in the case.

Attorney General Spagnoletti advised me that the decision to make the memo part of the public record in the case rests with the BZA. Therefore, I ask that you make the memo part of the public record in case no. 16970. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kathy Patterson

cc: Attorney General Robert Spagnoletti

BZA
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Exhibit No. 379

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