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Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Tudor Place Foundation, Inc., Application No. 16974

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

As the Board of Zoning Adjustment nears the completion of its review of the application by Tudor Place, I write to reaffirm the support of ANC 2E for the application, and request that our resolution adopted by unanimous vote by the commission at our February 4, 2003, public meeting be given the great weight to which it is entitled.

In supporting the application of Tudor Place, the commission endorses the premise that Tudor Place, like other museums and historic houses -- nonprofit institutions like it around the country -- should have the flexibility to develop funding from a variety of resources, including the rental of space for special events within the bounds proposed by the applicant.

In reviewing the application and the process of its development, and in hearing from neighbors living in close proximity to Tudor Place, the commission was satisfied that the administration at Tudor Place in preparing its application, had consulted with neighbors on addressing issues of noise, traffic and parking. We saw therein a demonstrated concern for arriving at the means of addressing problems in a way that was workable for Tudor Place and did not place undue hardship on the neighborhood.

Further, the commissioners were persuaded by the expression of intent offered by the director of Tudor Place to concentrate on the preservation and presentation of this historic property, not to be consumed with developing an extensive schedule of special events. It seemed clear to us that the purpose of the program at Tudor Place is the interpretation of the house; that any special events are to be ancillary, in support of that program.

ANC 2E is in support of the program of activities proposed by Tudor Place, which provide assurances that the risk of any adverse impact on the neighborhood will be minimal.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and we trust the Board will give "great weight" to the support of ANC 2E for the application submitted by Tudor Place.

Sincerely,
Tom Birch
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Chairman, ANC 2E

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