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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Tudor Place Foundation, Inc.
BZA Application No. 16974

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with the application for a special exception number 16974 filed with the Board of Zoning Adjustment by Tudor Place Foundation, Inc., the applicant hereby submits the following supplemental documents in support of its application:

1. Statement of Leslie L. Buhler, Executive Director of the Tudor Place Foundation, Inc.

2. Letters of support received from the following individuals in the Tudor Place neighborhood: (1) Marion Goldin and Gerald Rosen, (2) Herbert and Patrice Miller, (3) Clyde and Joan Shorey, (4) Elizabeth Dixon, (5) Frances P. Wilkinson, (6) Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jeffries, (7) Joan Midthun, (8) Alexandra Graubert, (9) Edward Feightner, (10) Susan and Don Rappaport, (11) Michael and Constance Broomfield, (12) Ruth M. Saxe, (13) Barbara Burgin, (14) Graham Down, (15) Richard Kline, Jr., (16) Jean Friendly, (17) Nancy and Alan Baker, (18) William D. Rogers, (19) A. Graham Down and Barbara A. Rathe, and (20) Mindy Kotler Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon C. Wilson

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Enclosures

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Statement of Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director
Tudor Place Historic House and Garden
Tudor Place Foundation, Inc.

Introduction of Executive Director, Leslie L. Buhler

I assumed the position of Executive Director of Tudor Place Historic House and Garden in June of 2000. My background is in nonprofit management and education. Prior employment has been at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Archives, and the Alban Institute.

Shortly after I became Executive Director, I held a reception to meet neighbors. With an intention of ensuring that Tudor Place adds value to the Georgetown community, I have become actively involved with the Citizens Association of Georgetown, the Georgetown Partnership, the Georgetown Business and Professional Association, the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown, and the DC Heritage Tourism Coalition.

Mission Statement

Tudor Place Foundation operates an historic property located in the heart of Washington's Georgetown area. Firmly rooted in the community, Tudor Place Foundation's mission is to educate the public about American history and culture. Its focus is on the historical development of the Federal City and the nation's capital region from the 18th to the 20th century as seen through the lens of Tudor Place, home of Martha Washington's granddaughter and six generations of her descendants, the Custis-Peter family. The Foundation is committed to protecting, preserving, maintaining, and interpreting the historic property and the collections, while instilling the value of the past in the public perception.

History of Site

Thomas Peter and his wife, Martha Parke Custis Peter, granddaughter of Martha Washington, purchased the property in 1805 with an inheritance from George Washington. Dr. William Thornton, architect of the first Capitol building and the Octagon, was retained to design a residence for the family. The house was completed circa 1816 and was lived in by six subsequent generations of the Peter family. Martha and Thomas Peter inherited or purchased at Martha Washington's estate sale many objects from Mount Vernon. Today the site holds the largest public collection of Washington objects outside of Mount Vernon. Robert E. Lee, a cousin, was a frequent visitor to Tudor Place along with other notables of the day.

The last owner of Tudor Place, Armistead Peter 3rd, established Tudor Place Foundation, Inc. in order to both protect the site and open it to the public upon his death (1983). During his lifetime, Tudor Place was designated a National Historic Landmark (1960) and in 1966 granted the first easement to the National Park Service under the terms of the 1935 Historic Sites Act.

Today, the Tudor Place Foundation Inc. manages the site according to the mission statement above. Located in the historic district of Georgetown, the site serves a variety of different audiences from the casual visitor to professional and amateur historians, gardeners, cultural anthropologists, archaeologists, photographers, and writers. Tudor Place focuses on serving people in the Washington area and national and international audiences. Over the last two years the number of visitors annually to Tudor Place has grown to 16,000.

Size of Cultural Resources

The Tudor Place Object and Archival Collections, consisting of furniture, paintings, sculpture, porcelain, silver, glass, textiles, household furnishings, books, photographs, manuscripts and other archival documents, represents the bequest of Armistead Peter 3rd and gifts to, and purchases by, the Tudor Place Foundation since 1984. The collection consists of over 8,000 objects and 250,000 archival materials that span the period 1750 – 1983. Incredible for its depth and breadth, the objects represented range from George Washington's presidential dinner and dessert service to a full complement of 20th century kitchenware.

The 5-1/2 acres landscape contains old growth trees and shrubs, many from the early time period of the site. The landscape retains much of its Federal Period character and is a good example of the landscape design of the neoclassical building style. The gardens changed over time from the more utilitarian purposes to ornamental designs within the same basic landscape structure.

The house and six other buildings and garden structures on the site are noted for their historic integrity. The main house is considered one of the finest examples of neoclassical architecture in the country and, other than a 1914 renovation, is largely intact.

Special Characteristics

Tudor Place is noted for its historic integrity and its continuous ownership by one family. As a whole, it is a rich resource for the study of the domestic and social history of an American family over 200 years as well as the social, political, and economic history of Georgetown and the Washington area. Tudor Place is a time capsule of material culture, with objects representative of each period of ownership. The objects, buildings and grounds are supported by the existing archival documentation and family

history, providing a unique opportunity to experience each generation that lived and worked on the property.

Current Activities

Cultural Resource Management

The most important activity is the ongoing conservation and preservation of the collection, buildings and grounds. Adhering to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, Tudor Place is committed to professional stewardship of all elements of the historic site.

Education

Tudor Place is committed to adding value to the Georgetown community and visitors to Washington through its educational program: docent led tours of the house six days a week and specialized tours upon request; self-guided tours of the gardens; special events such as Georgetown Day, the Holiday Walk Through Time, and Fall Garden Day for families; lecture series about diverse subjects based on the collections, Georgetown, the Federal City, the lives of family members, etc.; classes for children and school groups; professionally-led seasonal garden tours and lectures; research facilities for visiting scholars and researchers to the archives and collections; and annual exhibits.

Research

Research is at the core of all conservation, interpretation, and educational activities of Tudor Place. An active and ongoing museum-wide research agenda prioritizes all research activities. Interns and skilled volunteers provide additional human resources to advance staff research initiatives.

Governance and Staffing

Tudor Place's Board of Trustees consists of 15 members including residents of Georgetown and the metropolitan Washington area. The Board is committed to the above stated mission statement and through its governance role, is active in the oversight of programs, planning, and the financial viability of the site.

The staff consists of the following positions:

- Executive Director, responsible for the overall management and advancement of Tudor Place
- Curator of Collections, responsible for all aspects of care and conservation of the diverse collection including supervision of part time Archivist who provides care for, organizes, and documents archival collection and provides

services to external researchers, and supervision of one full and one part time housekeeper to clean collection items and all buildings

- Curator of Buildings and Grounds, responsible for all aspects of care and conservation of the buildings and grounds including supervision of part time Horticulturist who oversees care of historic plant material and supervises two gardeners
- Director of Visitor Services, responsible for training and scheduling 70 volunteers, tours, and the Museum Shop including supervision of a part time museum assistant
- Director of Education, responsible for volunteer education, interpretation of the site, public education programs, school group programs
- Museum Administrator, responsible for accounting, database and computer maintenance, general office management, support in fundraising, communications, and marketing

Funding

Tudor Place operates on a very small budget for the size and scope of the historic site. Approximately half of its funding comes from two Trust Funds, now totaling $7,132,696 established by the last owner as separate entities from the Tudor Place Foundation, Inc.

Over the last two and a half years Tudor Place has focused its energies on increasing its earned income by: opening the house for tours on Sunday afternoons; increasing the number of visitors; developing a public education program; establishing a Museum Shop; and increasing its fundraising efforts through development of individual donors and foundations.

Neighborhood Consultations

Throughout the last three years, Tudor Place has held liaison committee meetings with key groups within Georgetown and with neighbors. Representatives from the Citizens Association of Georgetown, the Georgetown Residents Alliance, and commissioners from ANC2e have been invited to the meetings. On several occasions notice of the liaison meetings went to all Tudor Place neighbors.

Neighbors have been notified of events of any size, pursuant to the regulations of the BZA ruling of 1999, and Tudor Place has responded immediately to any neighbor who has called regarding concerns about our operation. Over the last two and a half years those concerns have been about times of collection and concealment of trash containers, buses that did not move to the bus parking areas of the District, and the health of historic trees on the 32nd Street side of the property. Our response to such concerns has been as follows:

- We have changed the trash company, the times of the trash collection to address concerns of the neighbor and will plant an additional row of shrubs to further shield the containers.

- We have established new procedures for buses including notification of rules for buses in the confirmation letter for tours, handing each bus driver a card notifying them of where to park, and doing visual checks to ensure buses have moved. It is the case that buses from other attractions in Georgetown tend to park on 31st Street because it has many open parking spaces due to the size of the Tudor Place property. When we have discovered those buses or been notified of them by neighbors we ask them to move.

- Following the conditions of the Department of the Interior easement, Tudor Place consulted with the National Park Service on the health of the historic trees. Neighbors on 32nd Street were notified that one tree was to be removed. Tudor Place held a meeting with affected neighbors to discuss the plans and treatment for the trees. The remaining trees are healthy and cannot be removed under the easement and pursuant to our cultural landscape management. All of the significantly tall, old growth trees on the property had lightening protection installed in them to prevent any disaster from occurring.

Weeks before the submission of the application, Tudor Place wrote an article for the Citizens Association of Georgetown newsletter. The article noted that a renewal of the special exception was due and that draft conditions were available online or by calling the museum. I was available to take calls and emails with any questions or concerns that the Citizens Association members might have.

Prior to submitting its current application, Tudor Place distributed a draft of the conditions included in the BZA renewal and invited the liaison committee, additional ANC commissioners, and neighbors adjacent to a meeting at the site to review a draft of the proposed renewal conditions. Changes to the conditions were made based upon the comments voiced at the meeting. The second draft of the conditions was sent to all adjacent neighbors for further comment prior to submission. No additional comments were received.

At the meeting, it was suggested that Tudor Place establish a page on its website with the conditions and pertinent information for neighbors. That page was established.

Tudor Place met with the ANC commissioners on two separate occasions to review the application and the operations of Tudor Place. The commissioners were provided with over 20 letters of support from neighbors and with copies of the easement as well as changes between the 1999 ruling and the current application.

Current Application for Renewal of Special Exception

The current renewal application is consistent with Tudor Place's efforts to be good neighbors, contribute to the Georgetown community, educate the public about American history, and operate by the very best preservation standards. It should be noted that the staff of Tudor Place works long hours and that any rentals are over and above time spent on Tudor Place activities. It is not feasible for the staff to handle many rentals and they deter from the primary purposes of preservation and education.

The special exception approved by the BZA in 1999 was upheld in the Court of Appeals. Current changes to that special exception were made in consultation with our neighbors. They include the following:

- The application is for a five-year period rather than a three-year period. The application fee of $1,200, money better spent on preservation and education, and the time spent by the Executive Director on the application rather than on fundraising are the primary reasons for this change. Such change was supported by the neighbors at the special meeting. The majority of the people present understood the nature of nonprofits and their need to appropriately manage limited funds.

- An additional statement noting that Tudor Place will be open one evening a week was supported by the neighbors under the terms noted in the conditions.

- The application addresses the foremost concern of some neighbors by placing new constraints on rentals, permitting not more than 2 rentals per year for groups of 200 – 500 rather than the 10 permitted in the 1999 application.

- A prohibition on wedding rentals involving 75 or more attendees was added. Again, it is not the intent of Tudor Place to rent for weddings but it does not want to eliminate the possibility entirely. We did rent once two years ago for a wedding of 20. The bride had cancer and wanted to get married prior to her surgery. The wedding was over by 7:30 p.m.

- Additional constraints were put on music by including the prohibition against amplified singing voices, inside amplified music only played with all doors and windows closed, and the adherence to noise regulations.

- More advance notice was requested by neighbors of evening functions of 75 or more persons. Tudor Place included in the application a 60-day notice (replacing the quarterly notification obligation) of all events over 75 to be held at the site. In addition, Tudor Place will give notice of any Liaison Committee meetings to its immediate neighbors, and post notice of the meetings on its property and on its website.

The change in the use of the Dower House met with no concerns as the number of potential rentals has been curtailed.

Easement and Armistead Peter 3rd's will

Tudor Place carefully follows the requirements of the easement given to the Department of the Interior in 1966 by Armistead Peter 3rd. The easement was written while Mr. Peter was still in residence at Tudor Place. We maintain an excellent relationship with the National Park Service and all activities relevant to the easement are cleared with NPS. It must be noted that the National Park Service requires educational activities in order to comply with the easement.

Tudor Place is in compliance with the will of Armistead Peter 3rd. Mr. Peter only made two restrictions in his will: that none of his issue could sit on the Board of Trustees; and that the house could not be air-conditioned. Mr. Peter, recognizing that times will change, noted his wishes for the property but knew he should not make them restrictions. His intent for Tudor Place to be preserved and to be a tool to educate the public about American history is clear in all his writings. He even had plans drawn up by two separate architects for a visitor entrance building and ticket sales area.

Closing

Tudor Place's Board of Trustees and staff are committed to the preservation of the buildings, landscape and collections. It is the wonderful richness of its cultural resources that makes this site so valuable to the American people. We respectfully request that this Board approve the application of Tudor Place.

MARION GOLDIN
1625 31st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

January 31, 2003

Ms. Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director - TUDOR PLACE
1644 31st Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Ms. Buhler,

Gerald Rosen and I write this letter to demonstrate our continuing support of TUDOR PLACE and your yeomen efforts to maintain it not only as a historic treasure but as an admirable and desirable neighbor.

As you know from our address, we live directly across the street from TUDOR PLACE and are directly affected by virtually all of its activities. We have not been reticent to call when we have been affected adversely- either by loud music or an idling tour bus. You and your staff always respond rapidly and helpfully- and diffuse the problem.

Both Mr. Rosen and I attended the November meeting you called to gain additional neighborly input for the pending BZA application. We all spent hours examining the provisions, clarifying language and agreeing to such neighbors' suggestions as the appointment of a Liaison committee and the dissemination of a calendar of events.

So we were certainly surprised when we received a letter from the so-called "Friends and Neighbors of Tudor Place" that included persons who had also attended that meeting and nevertheless misrepresented what had transpired there. Specifically, thanks to all of our previous efforts, the issue of loud music is a bogus one. We all agree it has no place on the grounds of Tudor Place. We all agreed to the size and shape of the events you are planning- including an opening one evening early in the week.

But there is an issue larger here than the above details. TUDOR PLACE is not only a national treasure; it is a Georgetown and neighborhood asset of immeasurable proportion. Its physical beauty graces our daily lives; it is a privilege to live in such proximity to such historic events. On balance, its acres of gardens and sporadic events surely make the neighborhood LESS congested, not more. Along with Dumbarton Oaks, Dumbarton House and our numerous neighboring churches, its activities: receptions, musicales, lectures and art exhibits enhance our quality of life and should be allowed to continue and flourish.

For all of these reasons we both heartily support your application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment and trust you will make our position known to them and any other bodies you deem pertinent. If we did not have long-standing plans to be out of the city on February 18, we would surely voice that support in person.

Marion Goldin Gerald Rosen

January 30, 2003

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16974

Dear Sir/Madam:

Our property, the Bowie-Sevier house, is located directly across from Tudor Place. We are devoted supporters of Tudor Place and its programs, and are writing in support of its application to continue its special exception to operate as a museum.

Our experience with the property and staff has been consistently positive and we have found them to be highly professional and sensitive to the community. We are fortunate to have an historic site of such importance at our doorstep. The beautiful gardens and lawn provide Georgetown with green space and the museum serves the community through its programs.

We have reviewed the special exception application and believe that the restrictions on its operation that are being proposed ensure that Tudor Place will continue to operate to enhance our community and preserve the historic legacy of the Peter family.

Very truly yours,

Herbert and Patrice Miller
3124 Q Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210-S
Washington,DC 20001

February 1, 2003

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of Tudor Place's application to continue its special exception to operate as a museum. My husband and I live within two blocks of Tudor Place and we feel very fortunate to have this historic landmark within our neighborhood. It has been a source of interest and information as well as a gracious neighbor.

We moved to Georgetown fourteen years ago and have been quite involved in community affairs. My husband was President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown and I have worked on the Neighborhood Watch Program. We are proud of Georgetown and want to see it remain and develop as a vibrant and caring community. Tudor Place exemplifies these aims.

The programs at Tudor Place and the staff are very professional and responsive to the concerns of the community. We have welcomed the few neighborhood gatherings that have been held there and found them dignified and carefully planned. I think we are lucky to be neighbors of Tudor Place and hope its activities will continue as they have in the past. We urge you to continue the special exception under which Tudor Place has been operating.

Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan Shorey

(Mrs. Clyde Shorey
3033 West Lane Keys,N.W.
Washington,DC 20007)

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My experience with the current Tudor Place staff has been overwhelmingly positive. I have had the pleasure and honor to serve as a volunteer docent for the past 9 years, so I have seen in a very personal way, the impact that the history of this family and the legacy of this beautiful property have on the public. At all times I have found the staff to be highly professional and sensitive to community concerns, and their numerous educational programs for adults as well as children are a valuable resource to this community.

My family truly values having this important historic site at our doorstep. Its 5 ½ acres of gardens and lawn provide Georgetown with much needed green space, and its expansive street frontage enhances the accessibility of parking in the neighborhood much of the time. Beyond the value of such physical attributes, it also serves the people in the community through its programs and access to its beautiful gardens.

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Dixon

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January 22, 2003

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

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Frances P. Wilkinson

Mrs. Frances P. Wilkinson
3210 Scott Pl NW
Washington, DC 20007-2946

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Sincerely,

Mr. + Mrs Donald W Jeffries

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jeffries
3108 Q Street N.W.

Joan Midthun
1677 32nd St, NW
Washington, DC 20007-2931

January 13, 2003

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Sincerely,

Alexandra Grambert
1619 Starr Ln NW
Washington D.C 20007

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Sincerely,

RADM. Edward L. Feightner, USN. Ret
Mrs. Edward L. Feightner

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Sincerely, Susan S. for Don Rappaport

PS
* Our kids gave us an anniversary party there that was fabulous - and not noisy — and we love the open space - far better than having a developper use it for condos!!

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Sincerely,

Michael and Courtenay Broomfield
1611 31st NW
Washington
DC 2007

January 22, 2003

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I enthusiastically support Tudor Place!

Ruth M. Sake
1524-31st St NW
(½ block away)

Barbara W. Burgin
2153 California St. NW #402
Washington, DC 20008

December 21,2002

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the proposed current conditions established for Tudor Place Historic House and Garden for the BZA application, as well as for approval from the ANC2E.

The current conditions have been discussed and reviewed with neighbors by Leslie Buhler, Executive Director. I have every reason to believe that Leslie and her current staff are concerned about being good neighbors, and indeed have made significant changes in their program over the past two years to accommodate these concerns.

I have been a docent at Tudor Place for the past five years and am aware of the Foundation's financial needs and the concerns of the neighborhood. The outline conditions give the working staff clear expectations and guidelines that will allow them to establish programs that will meet these neighborhood concerns. I am also aware that, as a working museum, it is very important to the current Curator of Collections, Melinda Linderer, that the offices be removed from the main house, so that these family rooms may be returned to their original uses.

As a member of the Sheridan-Kalorama Historic Review Board, I am very aware of residents' concerns, but feel the current Director and her staff have every intention of abiding by the proposed conditions.

Thank you for your interest,

Sincerely,

Barbara W. Burgin

January 22, 2003

1650 32nd Street, N.W.,
Washington DC 20007.

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Alfreda Davis

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Richard F Klein, Jr.
1648 32nd ST, N.W
20007

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Jean Friendly

Tudor Place is a great neighbor

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Sincerely,

Nancy and Alan Baker

ARNOLD & PORTER

William D. Rogers
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202.942.5915
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555 Twelfth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004-1206

January 16, 2003

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Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16974

Dear Sir and/or Madam:

We live directly across the street from Tudor Place Historic House and Garden. I am writing in strong support of its application to continue its special exception to operate as a museum. It is an ideal neighbor. Georgetown is a better place for it.

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Sincerely,

William D. Rogers

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We have found its operation highly professional and sensitive to community concerns, and their numerous education programs available to the public demonstrate their commitment to preserving its historic legacy.

We are fortunate in having this historic site at our doorstep. Its extensive acreage of gardens and lawn provide Georgetown with much needed green space.

We have had the opportunity to review the special exception application which was shared with their neighbors prior to its submission. We understand that changes to the proposed restrictions on its operation were made with input from its neighbors. We are directly across from the West side of Tudor Place and have never been disturbed by its operations in the past. We believe that the restrictions on operation currently being proposed are more than adequate to ensure that Tudor Place's continued operation as a museum will not have an adverse impact on the residential neighborhood.

Tudor Place's value as a testament to the history of Georgetown strongly supports the desire of its continuing to operate under its special exception

Thank you for your consideration of our support.

Sincerely,

A. Graham Down
1650 32nd Street, NW

Barbara A. Rathe
1656 32nd Street, NW

Emailed to Tudor Place on January 29, 2003

1524 31st Street Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20007

January 29, 2003

Leslie L. Buhler, Executive Director
Tudor Place Foundation

Dear Ms. Buhler:

I am concerned -- from petitions I have received at my doorstep -- that some of my neighbors near Tudor Place are reacting negatively to your operations and stirring up dissent among us. I don't know if this is due to lack of accurate information by those who are in opposition, fear of future problems, or just why some neighbors of mine have signed their names to petitions against your programs. I have a different opinion.

Although I have lived since 1972 within one-half block of Tudor Place, have no driveway or garage and must rely on street parking, Tudor Place's operations have never presented a major problem for me. Nor has noise or bus or other Tudor Place traffic to date been troublesome. I am not deaf, keep my windows open much of the time in summer, and spend most of my days at my house on 31st Street. In summary, I have never been disturbed in any significant way by the presence of Tudor Place and its program of activities.

I feel you have gone out of your way to seek neighborhood input and that when you have felt that neighbors have had legitimate complaints, you have modified your programs in response to community feelings.

Since I will be out of town when the hearing on Tudor Place is conducted and cannot be present to voice my opinions, I would like to be on record as a close neighbor who is NOT in opposition to your activities. I wish to be counted on the other side, that is, as an advocate for, and enthusiastic supporter of, Tudor Place and its present program of activities. If this letter can help in Tudor Place's effort to present its case, please feel free to use it in any way you choose.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth MacKenzie Saxe

Emailed to Tudor Place on January 31, 2003

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To whom it may concern:

I was shocked and dismayed by your spurious letter hoping to garner neighborhood support. Besides its various misrepresentations of Tudor Place's plans it demonstrates your shallow selfishness toward your community.

Your letter is a wicked interpretation of a meeting I attended at Tudor place about its application for a BZA special exception. Tudor has made every accommodation to its neighbors, often to the detriment of its mission and survival. The range of programming by Tudor clearly shows this institution is more than a mere "period house." The restrictions that Tudor has placed upon itself for its meeting and fundraising are more reasonable than any other arts institution in the area.

The reality is that Tudor is a nonprofit entity that is obligated to operate for the public as an educational organization. Without any means to garner funding, hold programs, and attract a staff this mission is abrogated.
You do not seem to understand this. More important, you don't seem to understand that you live in the city, which implies a tolerance for supposed inconveniences.

Your letter exposes your true objective: to simply have a private green space in the neighborhood to protect your property values. Your green space it protected. Now you must let Tudor fulfill its mission, not yours.

Your energies and money would be better spent on ensuring that Tudor has the funds to operate, envisioning community programs for Tudor, and on volunteering for your community. You should be embarrassed not only by your avarice and small-mindedness but also by your penchant to tell untruths for your limited goals.

Your neighbor,

Mindy Kotler Smith
1606 32nd Street, NW