COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

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D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING

Re: BZA Application No. 16974

Dear Geoffrey:

I am writing in support of Tudor Place Historic House and Garden's application to continue its special exception to operate as a museum. Tudor Place has added immeasurably to the heritage of Georgetown. As a non-profit museum it preserves one of our country's most important National Historic Landmarks and educates the public about Georgetown and local history.

Georgetown is fortunate to have this superb historic site in its midst. Not only is its architecture outstanding but it also holds the largest public collection of Mount Vernon objects outside of Mount Vernon itself. The 51/2 acres of gardens and lawn offer not only a lesson in historic landscapes but also add green space to the community.

As a close neighbor to Tudor Place, I know the restrictions on operation proposed in the application will have no adverse impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood. The Board of Trustees and staff have well demonstrated their commitment to their mission of preservation and education.

I strongly encourage the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve Tudor Place Foundation's special exception application. The Executive Director worked closely with neighbors on the conditions in the application and has garnered substantial good will for respectful management of the site. ANC 2E unanimously approved the application further indicating that Georgetown values this cultural asset. Tudor Place deserves to flourish as one of the most outstanding historic sites in the District of Columbia.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

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