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April 16, 2003

BY HAND DELIVERY

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

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Further to the request made by the Board of Zoning Affairs during the hearing held in connection with the above-referenced application on April 15, 2003, the applicant hereby submits copies of all letters of complaint received by Leslie Buhler while serving as Executive Director of Tudor Place, including letters sent by Ms. Buhler by way of follow-up to complaints received by telephone. Also included in the attached submission are the additional letters of support and editorials that were referenced in Ms. Buhler's testimony on April 15, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon C. Wilson

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cc: Leslie L. Buhler
Don W. Crockett
Ronald R. Snider
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Enclosures

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 16974
EXHIBIT NO. 66

March 27, 2001

Mr. Ronald R. Snider
1607 31st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Ron:

This letter is in response to your letter of March 15, 2001 faxed to my office and received by mail. Your letter relates to the placement of a proposed banner measuring 57 ½" by 33 ½" to be placed on the front lawn of Tudor Place. Your letter was in response to my letter and photocopy of the banner delivered by hand to all neighbors within the sight line of the proposed site on the Tudor Place property for the banner. The banner was to inform the public about an exhibition entitled "Splendours of Georgetown: 25 Architectural Masterpieces" that Tudor Place is presenting in collaboration with The Commission of Fine Arts and the Historic American Buildings Survey in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Georgetown.

Because you object to such signage and, as a member of the public and adjacent neighbor, are compelled to exercise certain perceived rights in regards to the National Park Service easement section regarding signs, we will not post the banner for this exhibition.

Tudor Place seeks to be a good neighbor and provide value to those who live adjacent to the historic site.

Sincerely,

Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director

RONALD R. SNIDER
1607 31ST STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20007

TELEPHONE 202-337-3274

March 15, 2001

BY FACSIMILE
202-965-0164

Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director
Tudor Place Foundation, Inc.
1605 32nd Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Leslie:

This letter is in response to your notice of February 26, 2001 delivered to my home by hand. This notice relates to placement of a proposed banner measuring 57 1/2" by 33 1/2" to be placed someplace on the front lawn of Tudor Place. As a neighbor I personally object to such signage being posted at Tudor Place. My wife and I do thank you for the courtesy of your notice.

Mr Peter gave a part of Tudor Place to the National Park Service. As a member of the public and as an adjacent neighbor I have certain rights because of this dedication to the public by the individual, see Reichelderer, et al., Commission of District of Columbia v. Quinn et al. 287 U.S. 315 (1932), Footnote 3. I along with other neighbors do not wish to be estopped from enforcing rights we may have in Tudor Place as they are stated in the easement.

I believe the placement of signs is controlled by the scenic easement granted by Mr. Peter to the National Park Service which reads as follows:

> (4) No signs, billboards or advertisements shall be displayed or placed upon said lands, except (a) such plaques or other markers as are appropriate for commemorating the historic importance of Tudor Place; (b) such signs or markers as are necessary to direct or restrict the passage of persons permitted by grantor to come upon said grounds; and (c) a sign or signs stating solely the name of Tudor Place with the address of the property or both. (See page 6 as recorded) (copy attached)

Next I attach for your information letters submitted by Dapray Muir at the prior BZA hearing. These letters of June 7, and May 25, 1999 are attached for your information.

I believe that the wishes of Mr. Peter are not only set forth in the legally binding scenic easement upon the property, but also are an expressed statement of your benefactor's wishes and desires for the historic preservation of his gift to the nation.

Very truly yours,

Ronald R. Snider

(3) No utility transmission lines, except those required by Grantor for the administration of Tudor Place and the adjacent area, may be created on said lands and no interest in said lands shall be granted by Grantor for this purpose. It is the intent of this provision to grant to the United States of America such an interest in said lands as is sufficient to prohibit the exercise of the power of eminent domain not only by public utility companies but also by any other body or person except the United States of America.

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(5) The fee to Tudor Place and the adjacent area shall never be devised or conveyed except as a unit.

(6) The main house shall not be used for any purpose other than as a residence or museum, and all other activities and structures upon the lands shall be for the purpose of preserving, serving, or maintaining the main house and the surrounding lands.

(7) Grantor may rearrange the fencing on the adjacent area.

(8) Grantor may place in or outside of any structure or on the grounds devices found by Grantor to be necessary for protection from theft, vandalism or injury by natural forces.

STATEMENT OF J.D. MULR
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3104 Q STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20007

June 7, 1999

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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. *(ste. 210 South)*
Washington, DC 20001

re: Tudor Place Foundation, Inc.
Application no. 16477

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By application no. 16477, Tudor Place Foundation is seeking permanent approval of its zoning exception for operating a museum at 1670 31st Street. I live across Q Street from Tudor Place, and have lived in Georgetown from 1964 through 1968 (Cambridge Place), and from 1988 through the present. While I have no objection to Tudor Place operating as a museum, I do object to several aspects of its operations which adversely impact the quality of life of its neighbors and the value of their properties.

Fund Raising

Tudor Place conducts numerous large fund raising events, and now requests the right to conduct 15 such events each year. These events are regularly held outdoors in a tent, with music which can be heard throughout the neighborhood. The noise is especially severe during the summer months, when events come with such regularity that the tent remains up for substantial periods of time. The employment of traffic control personnel and parking attendants adds to the confusion.

It is recommended that

1. The number of large events should be limited to six per year. Tudor Place is in the middle of a residential area, and should not be permitted to operate a public dance hall for profit.
2. The maximum number of people at any event should be limited to 200. Tudor Place is an historic residence, and undertakes to conduct its fund raising activities "in keeping with the historical integrity of the premises." It is submitted that regular parties for 500 guests in an outdoor tent is *not* in keeping with the residential nature of the house or its community.

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3. The use of electric amplification for music at outdoor functions (including tent functions) should be prohibited.
4. Tents should be required to be taken down following each event, and not left standing for future events. A standing tent is hostile to the historic and architectural integrity of Tudor Place, and reduces it to the character of a dance hall or amusement park.

Tours

Tudor Place requests permission to increase the number of group tours from seven to ten each day. Any increase in the number of busses visiting Tudor Place will increase congestion, noise, and commotion, all adverse to the interest of neighbors.

It is recommended that

5. The number of group tours should be reduced to five per day.

Signage

Tudor Place maintains a steel sign frame at the corner of 31st and Q Streets. Currently, a large, bright, and prominent sign advertises a six month exhibit on the "Sanctity of Soap". From the standpoint of historic Georgetown and its residents, it is no better than a commercial sign, which would not be permitted. There are numerous alternative media through which Tudor Place can deliver its message.

It is recommended that

6. Tudor Place should be prohibited from erecting signs on its property, except for notices of one day events currently in progress.
7. Signs should be limited to Tudor Place's gate area.
8. Signs should in no event exceed two feet by two feet.

Term of Special Exception

Tudor Place has the potential of great harm to the quality of life in its vicinity. All institutions seek to increase their income and expand their activities, objectives adverse to the interests of a residential neighborhood. The only way to ensure that activities remain modulated is to require regular review. Tudor Place does not appear to have operated in conformance with its conditions in the past (open admission has been advertised for some time, and has not been by appointment only), and only the prospect of regular review can be expected to ensure that conditions are observed in the future. Every expansion of activity generates a claim of right unless promptly contested.

It is recommended that

9. The special exception for Tudor Place to operate as a museum should be limited to two years.

STATEMENT OF J.D. MUIR
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In considering this application, I ask that you bear in mind the effect fifteen parties of 500 people and ten busloads of visitors every day would have on the tranquility of your neighborhood. Mr. Peter's neighbors are understanding of his gift to the public, but he wished, I am sure, the house to remain as an example of elegant nineteenth century life, a family house, and not an institution devoted to raising money to expand its activities.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Dapray Muir, *resident*

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26 August 1999

Tudor Place Foundation, Inc.
1605 32nd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Sir or Madam:

I reside at 1652 32nd Street, and am writing to express concern over some large and apparently dead tree branches located on the grounds of Tudor Place. These branches hang over 32nd street and pose a potential hazard to people, cars and houses located on 32nd Street. I would appreciate it if the personnel responsible for the grounds upkeep took appropriate action to minimize the potential hazard that the branches pose. If you would like to contact me, please feel free to call me at home (265-6009) or at my office 703-413-5791.

Sincerely,

Gerald Musarra

TUDOR PLACE HISTORIC HOUSE AND GARDEN

December 27, 2000

Dear 32nd Street Neighbor:

As you may be aware, we have been investigating the condition of the trees along 32nd Street. We have consulted with National Park Service arborists as well as two arborists from private tree firms. Following a careful review and physical investigation of the trees we have determined that three of them should be removed. We have scheduled the removal of these three trees for January 9th. As you can imagine, these trees are quite substantial and will require a two-step removal process. The company selected to do the work, Guardian (Bartlett) Trees, will bring a bucket truck in to remove as much wood as possible. Then, on January 9th, the street will need to be closed for the remaining work to be completed. We will certainly try to keep all inconvenience to you at a minimum. We are making every effort to ensure your safety and that of any persons traversing 32nd Street.

We will hold a meeting on January 3rd at 5:30 p.m. so that you can hear in more detail the plans for the removal and discuss any concerns you might have. The Guardian Tree arborist will be present to answer all your questions. The meeting will be held at 1670 31st Street.

Please feel free to give me a call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Leslie L Buhler
Executive Director

Conversations with Mindy Kotler

1. During the week of June 17th around 8:00 am, I planned to talk to the dumpster crew about the insurance issue surrounding the accident the previous week with the 32nd Street gate. While in my office, I heard the dumpster truck at the end of the driveway and proceeded down the drive to talk to them. To my amazement, as I walked closer to the dumpster area, there was a woman on Tudor Place property directing and talking to the dumpster crew. Since, she was not a staff person and was not someone that I recognized, I walked up to the group and asked her if I could help her in any way. She told me her name (Mindy) and stated that she lived across 32nd Street and did not want to see the dumpsters at Tudor Place and was directing the crew to move the dumpsters back as far as they could. After listening to her complaints, I told her that we would do all we could do to direct the dumpster crew to place the dumpsters as far back as possible. I voiced some concern about her safety because of her proximity to the heavy equipment and explained that we will do everything that we can, but to please be careful not to get to close to the truck or the dumpsters while the crew was doing their job. I gave her my name and number and asked her to call me at any time if she had any questions or comments.

2. The second conversation was on July 18th, 2002. I called Mindy Kotler on the telephone at around 9:10 am in response to her voice mail left at the Tudor Place office. In response to her voice mail, I stated that there were two topics I wished to discuss. They were:

    a. Tudor Place was planning to create a more complete vegetative screen for the dumpsters and planned to implement the screen this fall when the plants were more likely to survive the transplant process.
    b. I called the dumpster company, in response to her complaint on the voice mail about the dumpster service arriving to early last Saturday, and asked the company to try to put Tudor Place at the end of their route. The dumpster company stated that in DC the noise ordinance states that dumpsters can pick up refuse any time after 7:00 am, but they would talk to the drivers and try to move them back as much as they can.

Ms. Kotler seemed to be pleased with our initiatives and said that she was a member and supportive of Tudor Place. I asked her to call my extension if she had any questions or comments and looked forward to showing her the new landscaping this fall.

Chris A. Wilson
Curator of Buildings and Grounds
Tudor Place Foundation

Subj:	**bus parking**
Date:	2/4/02 9:21:44 AM Eastern Standard Time
From:	TOURTP
To:	Tudordirector

Leslie - just to follow up on our conversation last week, on two recent occasions there have been buses parked directly in front of Tudor Place that were not associated with any tours here. The first was on January 18. Karin and Peter saw the bus out front and Peter asked them to leave. The second was on the morning of January 31 when a school bus was parked out front. Judith saw the bus and asked them why they were parked here. Ther driver told her that Dumbarton House said they should park on 31st Street. Judith asked the driver to leave the area. They did, but were very reluctant. I called Dumbarton House and spoke to their Director of Education. She promised that should would follow up and find out how this happened. JG

April 27, 2001

Dear 31st Street Neighbor:

It has come to our attention that on two occasions within the last two weeks buses dropping visitors off at Tudor Place have remained on the block instead of moving to the bus lot on K Street. As a result of these occurrences, we have taken steps to check to make sure the buses are following instructions and staff is instructed to demand that the drivers move should they remain on the street.

Tudor Place sends a letter to all tour groups that the buses take a minimal amount of time to unload and load visitors. The buses are instructed not to idle and to go immediately to the K Street parking area while their visitors are at Tudor Place. Because of these two situations, we will strengthen the language in our letter even more to make sure there is adherence to the regulations of the city and the instructions of Tudor Place.

We regret any inconvenience or unpleasantness this may have caused and are doing all we can to consistently ensure the buses adhere to the rules. Please be sure to let us know if you are aware of any infractions so that we may take immediate action. (Call 202.965.0400 ext. 100.)

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director

April 3, 2001

Dear 32nd Street Neighbor:

I want to apologize for what must have been a terribly annoying occurrence on Saturday evening. I understand that the bell on the 32nd Street gate of Tudor Place rang for a very long time that evening. Apparently there was a malfunction in the gate mechanism that we are addressing. Additionally, at the recommendation of one of our neighbors, we are determining what phone number we can give to you or post regarding emergencies such as the one that occurred on Saturday.

Again, we apologize for the disturbance.

Sincerely,

Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director

February 26, 2001

Dear Neighbor:

On April 13th Tudor Place will open an exhibition entitled *Splendours of Georgetown: 25 Architectural Masterpieces*. The exhibition is launched in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Georgetown and sponsored jointly with the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and the Historic American Buildings Survey, National Parks Service.

In order to encourage our Georgetown neighbors and visitors to Tudor Place for this exhibition we would like to put a tasteful banner on a handsome wrought iron stanchion on the hill at 31st and Q Streets. A picture of what the banner will look like is enclosed with this letter. Because this will be directly across the street from your home we are asking if you have any concerns about our placing the banner at this location. If so, please contact me at 202-965-0400 ext. 101.

We want to join with other institutions and businesses throughout Georgetown to celebrate the wonderful history of this area. We hope that you will share with us the wish to bring neighbors and visitors into Tudor Place to see the exhibition and learn more about the role Georgetown and its residents played in shaping the Federal City.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director

September 17, 2002

Mr. J. Dapray Muir
3104 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Mr. Muir:

I received a copy of your letter of September 4th to the Old Georgetown Board. I want to thank you for your comments regarding new perimeter signs for Tudor Place. We will certainly take your suggestions into consideration as we move forward with new designs.

Sincerely,

Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director

September 17, 2002

Mr. Ronald R. Snider
1607 31st Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

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Sincerely,

Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director

September 17, 2002

Mr. Don W. Crockett
3070 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Mr. Crockett:

I received a copy of your recent letter to the Old Georgetown Board. I want to thank you for your comments regarding new perimeter signs for Tudor Place. We will certainly take your suggestions into consideration as we move forward with new designs.

Sincerely,

Leslie L. Buhler
Executive Director

January 15, 2003

THE GEORGETOWN CURRENT

Davis Kennedy/Publisher & Editor
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Living together

The D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment will soon consider an application by Tudor Place to permit continued operations as a museum in a residentially zoned neighborhood.

Its proposed conditions would permit limited use of the historic estate to raise money from private parties. Tudor Place has drafted conditions that would permit just two rental functions a year with crowds of 200 to 500 people. Wedding receptions would not exceed 74 guests.

If Tudor Place were a private mansion, its owner could host all the events he wanted — as long as he complied with applicable District regulations, such as noise restrictions.

As a nonprofit entity, however, Tudor Place operates in the residential area at the discretion of the Board of Zoning Adjustment. As a result, restrictions that would not apply to homeowners make sense, given that such an entity needs a special exception to operate.

As part of the conditions worked out in meetings with neighbors, Tudor Place has agreed to no longer permit outdoor amplified music — an irritant in the past. Indoor amplified music must be muffled by closed doors and windows.

We believe the zoning board should include an objective standard as a condition of its approval. Specifically, one should not be able to hear any music at the edge of the property.

Before objecting entirely to Tudor Place's continued operations — or to the limited events that make it feasible to maintain the house and grounds — residents should consider whether they would prefer to see a subdivision of the property.

We think Tudor Place is a major community asset and should be allowed to raise money by hosting a limited number of private parties.

Georgetowner, Jan. 23, 2003

EDITORIALS

Evermay Needs to Get Specific

The folks at Evermay should take a page from the Tudor Place book. Both historic estates are too large, and too costly for single families to maintain as residences. Both seek to preserve the mansions and open space in perpetuity, but must find acceptable uses for the property that are consistent with the historic district and can generate income for upkeep.

The Tudor Place Foundation is seeking Board of Zoning Adjustment approval for renewal of its special exception to operate as a museum. As part of its operations, Tudor Place has agreed to specific uses for the property and to specific limitations on the number and size of the private social events held there each year. The Foundation has worked with neighbors, the Citizens Association of Georgetown, and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission to address community concerns, and it has garnered community support in return.

The Evermay Society is also seeking a special exception from the Board of Zoning Adjustment to allow non-residential uses on its property, but the Society has not yet articulated a clear idea of what it intends to do exactly. Evermay's owner, Harry Belin, says he wants to use the residence to "provide office and incubator space for select nonprofit organizations for short periods of time at affordable rents; as a retreat facility; as a location for fund-raising events for nonprofit organizations; for tours and open houses on the grounds and buildings; for community and private events; as a base for a "scholars-in-residence" program; and for a small gift shop for the Evermay Society." That's quite a laundry list. It's not surprising that, with such a specious and far-reaching agenda, community groups are opposing Evermay's BZA application.

Georgetown's historic houses are a great asset to the community. We want them to be preserved, and recognize that the key to preservation is finding an adaptive reuse for these properties that does not negatively impact the community. The Tudor Place Foundation has shown that by presenting focused, feasible plans, and responding to reasonable community concerns, this is possible. We hope the Evermay Society soon follows suit.

George Washington's
MOUNT VERNON
ESTATE & GARDENS

February 13, 2003

Georgetown Board of Zoning Adjustment

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support of the application made on the behalf of Tudor Place Historic House and Gardens to renew their special exception to operate as a museum.

As a long time resident of the Washington metropolitan area, my family and I have had many opportunities to visit Tudor Place and to benefit from their many innovative and educational programs. As a member of the staff of Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens for more than 15 years, I have learned to treasure the unique connection with the Washington family that the two sites share. As a professional archaeologist and preservationist I appreciate Tudor Place as a significant historical property and as one of the finest examples of early neoclassical architecture in America. And finally, as a member of the Tudor Place gardens and grounds advisory committee for the last five years, I am convinced and reassured that the Tudor Place staff is providing the careful and professional stewardship that such an important and irreplaceable heirloom of our historical heritage deserves.

I look forward to the continued development of Tudor Place as an historical and educational resource that will be an attraction for Georgetown and Washington area residents, and for visitors from around the country.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis J. Pogue, PhD

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THE GEORGETOWN GARDEN CLUB

Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
Government of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington DC 20001

As President of the Georgetown Garden Club, a member of the Garden Club of America, I am writing concerning the issue of Tudor Place.

Substantially all of the members of the Georgetown Garden Club are in favor of the renewal of Tudor Place's application to continue its special exception to operate as a museum with certain restrictions.

The Georgetown Garden Club's 63 members represent a broad group of Georgetown citizens who are involved and deeply concerned about the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Tudor Place Historic House and Garden provides much needed green space, a house filled with important history of Washington and inspired educational programs and exhibits.

The Georgetown Garden Club hopes the Board of Zoning will agree to continue Tudor Place's ability to operate as a museum with special exception.

Sincerely yours,

Sis Hedden

Sis Hedden
President, Georgetown Garden Club
2914 P Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20007

EDITH SCHAFER

April 14, 2003

Dear Mr. Griffis and Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I am writing in strong support of Tudor Place's application to continue its special exception to operate as a museum. It is truly wonderful to have such an attractive green space and gardens in the midst of this historic district. It enhances our lives.

To me it seems eminently unfair that a very small number of people, who seem to be simply mean-spirited, can block what is for the vast majority of us a very positive experience. I have served on the Garden Committee at Tudor Place and consider myself a friend and supporter. I take my grandchildren there on their open house for children. I take my out-of-town friends there. I take myself there when ever possible. I am proud of Tudor Place. I remember talking about more community involvement for Tudor Place so it could play a larger part in our lives, not a diminished one.

I have been to June weddings at Tudor Place that take your breathe away they are so perfect. Why should these things be denied us? The complaints of the few neighbors opposed to Tudor Place have been dogmatic and irrational. They should not prevail.

The restrictions on operation that are currently being proposed are more than adequate to ensure that Tudor Place's operation as a museum has no adverse impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration of this strongly felt letter of support.

Sincerely,

Edith Schafer

1530 30TH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20007 • 20007 (202) 337-4856 • FAX (202) 337-2040

Re: BZA Application No. 16974

Dear Sir and/or Madam:

As a neighbor of Tudor Place Historic House and Garden, I am writing in support of its application to continue its special exception to operate as a museum. As a non-profit museum that preserves and promotes a national architectural and historic landmark, Tudor Place provides an important contrib ution to the neighborhood as well as the nation.

My experience with the current Tudor Place staff has been overwhelmingly positive. I have found them to be highly professional and sensitive to community concerns, and their numerous educational programs made available to the public demonstrate their strong commitment to preserving the historic legacy of the Peter family and educating the public about the historic value of Tudor Place.

I appreciate having an historic site of such importance at my doorstep. Its 5 1/2 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.

I have had the opportunity to review the special exception application that was shared with the neighbors twice prior to its submission. Changes to the proposed restrictions on operation were made according to the wishes of certain neighbors. I have not been disturbed by its operation in the past, and I believe that the restrictions on operation that are currently being proposed are more than adequate to ensure that Tudor Place's operation as a museum continues to have no adverse impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood. Moreover, I believe that its value as a testament to the history of Georgetown strongly supports the necessity of it continuing to operate under its special exception.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Anne Thompson

3337 N St., NW
Washington, DC 20007

4/12/2003

April 9, 2003

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441 4th Street, NW Suite 210-S
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Sincerely,

Dede Petri

Dede Petri
3333 Prospect Street NW
Washington DC 20007

April 9, 2003

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Helen O'Brien

3410 Q St. NW
Wash. DC 20007

Robert and Christine Smart
3013 P Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007

April 12, 2003

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Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16974

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I appreciate having an historic site of such importance at my doorstep. Its 5 1/2 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.

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Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely, Robert Smart
Christine Nelson

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January 22, 2003

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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February 3, 2003

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Sir and/or Madam:

I am the leader of a business in the District and our family lives less than a block from Tudor Place, on 1644 Avon Pl NW.

I am writing in strong support of the application of Tudor Place to continue to its special exemption to operate as a museum. This status allows it to make a unique contribution to our neighborhood.

We have **never** had anything but positive experiences with Tudor Place, whether participating in activities there or merely observing that certain activities were taking place. Moreover, we find it hard to believe that there are some in our neighborhood, surely a tiny minority, who would like to restrict those incredibly positive activities.

We fear that such negative thinking, if allowed to succeed, could jeopardize the very existence of Tudor Place and bring about its demise as a museum and deal a negative blow to our lovely neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Anthony Moffett

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am presently out of the country and, since my return to the U.S. has been delayed, I will be unable to attend the February 18 hearing re BZA Application No. 16974. As a neighbor of Tudor Place, however (I live at 1679 31st St, N.W., across from and slightly north of Tudor Place) I want to support the application. During the more than six years Tudor Place and I have been neighbors, I have had nothing but commendations for the way they conduct their business — both as a good neighbor and a neighborhood asset. I attended the meetings Tudor Place held to invite comments on the application and witnessed the incorporation of changes requested by neighbors. Consequently, I was surprised and dismayed to receive the communication from a group calling itself "Friends and Neighbors of Tudor Place" — almost none of whom had been at either meeting — requesting assistance in persuading the BZA to delay the application, particularly since I find much of the information it contained to be non-factual.

In short, I support the application wholeheartedly and hope that Tudor Place will be able to remain the good neighbor that it is.

Gretchen Haendweger

STATEMENT

CONCERNING THE USE OF THE GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS OF TUDOR PLACE
Georgetown, DC

The undersigned neighbors of Tudor Place say that:

▷ We support the hard work of the Tudor Place Foundation in maintaining Tudor Place in its historical condition and making this historic home available to the people of the United States for tours.

▷ We ask the Tudor Place Foundation to respect the wishes of Armistead Peter III, in his Will, that "Tudor Place be kept *as I shall leave it*, and that it be considered not as a period museum but as a house lived in and loved by generations of our family" + Tudor place has done so, in architecture + garden, admirably.

DO NOT

▷ We oppose the use of Tudor Place and its grounds as a venue for holding private wedding receptions and corporate parties ~~which, in the past, have negatively~~ impacted our quiet residential neighborhood with: ~~(1) noise from the set-up and tear-down of tents and platforms; (2) noise from~~ the bands which play for ~~these private parties until 10:30 PM;~~ (3) traffic congestion necessitating control by the police during events; ~~and (4) a lack of parking spaces for residents. Wedding~~ receptions, corporate parties, and other commercial activities should be held only in locations zoned ~~for such events.~~

DO NOT

▷ We oppose expanding the existing hours of tour operations to evenings and Sundays ~~because the additional vehicles would make parking--which is now very scarce at those times--much more difficult, if not virtually impossible.~~

Dated: January 24, 2003

Marion E Rodgers
signature(s)

MARION E RODGERS
printed name(s)

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DC 20007
address

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Dear Tudor Place — Jan 24 20

I am well aware that in order for Tudor Place to survive — & provide me & my family with an oases of green ~~space~~ all of us must do something to increase your revenues. I appreciate the fact that you have kept the historic integrity of Tudor Place.

I am not opposed to parties, and if you need to use my name as a person who is on your side, please feel free to do so. I value & appreciate Tudor place: its gardens, its space, the architecture, & its existence!

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