Foggy Bottom and West End
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2A)

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Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Appeal #16984, ANC-2A's Appeal of the Administrative Decision of Zoning Administrator Granting Permit #B47779 for the property at 924 25th Street, N.W.—The River Inn.

Dear Chairperson Griffis and Board Members:

ANC-2A requests that the rules be waived and, if necessary, the file be reopened, to allow the late submission of one additional BZA-approved photo from ANC-2A in the above-titled case. Due to Alamac, the property owner of The River Inn, altering the design on the entrance canopy after the filing date in this case, the ANC-2A was not able to file timely in this matter.

Enclosed please find one additional photo, as per the ANC's request to submit additional photos, of the canopy jutting out across the sidewalk from the front of The River Inn. We would like this photo in the record to illustrate the contrast between the submissions from Alamac in this case where the canopy was shown plain, with no lettering and with a very small, low-key sign hanging from the canopy. Sometime in the past week, after the appeal hearing and after the filing deadline, Alamac removed the small sign and painted "The River Inn" in very large, white lettering on the three sides of the canopy facing 25th Street NW. While this "advertising" of the hotel is not forbidden under DCMR 11 351.2 (c), it is representative of Alamac's further commercialization of this property and its efforts to use its property in any way to attract more business activity into this very sensitive, purely residential portion of our neighborhood.

We have also heard from Corporation Council for DCRA that a revised permit for this project has been approved and that DCRA has further opined on the October 9, 2001 letter from a former Zoning Administrator to Alamac's counsel. For the record, the ANC believes this is improper and objects to DCRA commenting on this opinion. This is simply abetting Alamac in its attempts, which have been going on for over a year, to leverage this opinion into a quasi-approval of expanding its commercial adjunct operations and to circumvent the zoning regulations.

Sincerely,

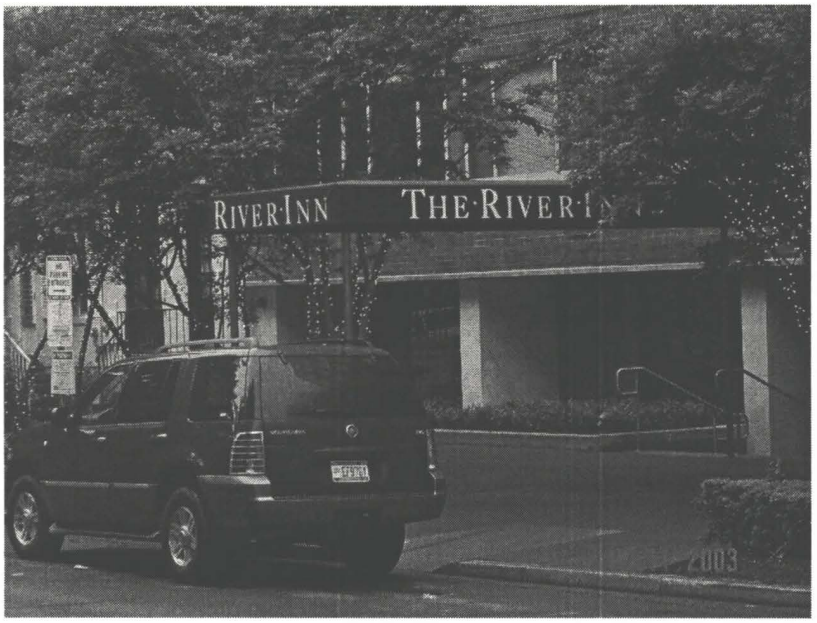
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Attachments: ANC Exh 5-7 (5)

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