WASHINGTON LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.

800 Massachusetts Ave., NW • Sixth Floor • Washington, D.C. 20036 • Tel: (202) 872-1932 • e-mail: washlch@erols.com • www.legalclinic.org

BOARD
Wesley R. Heppler
President
David E. Rogers
Vice President
Robert D. Dinerstein
Treasurer
Joan Walsh Alker
Secretary
Jonathan L. Abram
John D. Aldock
Fonda Allen
Cheryl K. Barnes
Jeffrey D. Bauman
David Gilmore
Jamie S. Gorelick
Christopher O. Hathaway
Tawana Henderson
Robin Jacobsohn
Willam C. Kelly, Jr.
Sami Asad Mir
John W. Nields
George D. Ruttinger
Jeff Schwaber
Effie Smith
Phyllis D. Thompson
Marsha Tucker
Lois G. Williams
David Wittenstein

STAFF
Patricia Mullahy Fugere
Executive Director
R. Scott McNeilly
Staff Attorney
Ann Marie Staudenmaier
Staff Attorney
Sczerina Perot
Staff Attorney
Marta I. Beresin
Staff Attorney
Becky M. O'Brien
Staff Attorney
Stefanie K. Davis*
Staff Attorney
Antonia K. Fasanelli**
Crowell & Moring
Equal Justice Works Fellow
Mary Ann Luby, O.P.
Outreach Worker
Leslie Plant
Adminstrator
Catherine Stanton
Program Associate
Genesis R.A.C. Fisher
Volunteer Coordinator
Ed Richardson
Staff Assistant

* Admitted only in Maryland
** Admitted only in New York

September 23, 2003

RECEIVED
D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING
2003 SEP 25 PM 3:57

Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Request for Party Status in Matter 17016 (ANC 6C), Application of The D.C. Children's Advocacy Center, with respect to 65 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Dear Ms. Kress:

On behalf of residents of the Gales School Shelter, 65 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, we submit this request for party status in Matter 17016, Application of the D.C. Children's Advocacy Center for a special exception and variance with respect to 65 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.

Applicants seeking party status are currently residents of the subject property. Contrary to the description of the property in the public hearing notice, 65 Massachusetts Avenue (The Gales School) is not a "vacant public school building," but rather has been for the last two years a shelter for approximately 150 men and women who are homeless.

Residents of the shelter are opposed to the granting of the special exception and variance because they stand to lose their home, should the D.C. Children's Advocacy Center be given approvals to move forward with its construction plans for the premises. They will be left once again to scramble for some kind of accommodation, for the District government has offered no suitable alternative shelter arrangements in that neighborhood.

Residents of the shelter will be represented by *pro bono* counsel through the Washington legal Clinic for the Homeless, Patricia Mullahy Fugere, Executive Director, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036, (202) 872-8958.

Thank you for your consideration.

With kind regards,

Patricia Mullahy Fugere

BZA
Case No. 17016
Exhibit No. 24

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 17016
EXHIBIT NO. 24

United Way

Please consider designating the Legal Clinic, #8472, in the CFC or United Way Campaign.

CFC