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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: BZA Case No. 17027
Emergence Inc.

Dear Mr. Griffis:

At the regularly scheduled meeting on May 1, 2003 (notice of which was properly given and at which a quorum of six of eleven members were present) ANC1B voted unanimously (6-0-0) to support the application of Emergence Inc. for Special Exception under 3104 & subsection 334. The uses proposed by the applicant appear to be fully consistent with historical use, and limited changes are required as specified in 334.3. We feel that the "improving" clause of 334.1 is fully met, and that the proposed use will not become "objectionable" as demanded in 334.2. Emergence is targeting neighborhood community use and involvement as specified in 334.4, and is a non-profit organization fulfilling 334.5. While this building is in the R-4 Zone, the historical uses have not been residential and the applicant's proposed uses are compatible with previous use. ANC1B also notes that this building has been vacant for the past four years, and in its unused state has become a neighborhood eyesore and magnet for illegal activities. Emergence's use would be of ongoing benefit to both community members using the facility and to surrounding neighbor's property values. ANC1B strongly urges the Board to approve the Special Exception sought in Case No. 17027, and asks the Board to give great weight to our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Thomas, Chairperson

Philip C. Spalding, Secretary
Box 73710, Washington, DC 20056

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