COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

July 25, 2003

Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
District Of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office Of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Room 201S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Geoffrey:

Regarding BZA Case No. 17035:

On April 7, 2003, I signed a letter of support for the request for zoning relief for Howard University Hospital's conversion of the former medical office building at 915 Rhode Island Avenue, NW into an 11-unit apartment building. At the time, I was not aware that the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in whose Single Member District the subject property was located, the civic association representing affected residents, and other stakeholders had significant concerns about the project and opposed granting of the requested relief until such outstanding issues had been resolved.

Further, I used as the basis of my support a vote by ANC 2C that was taken before the commission had jurisdiction. I was not aware of the fact that the commission failed to provide notice of its proposed action to affected residents, and that the concerns expressed by the community had not been taken into consideration by the commission in making its determination.

I therefore rescind my support for this project and urge Howard University Hospital to enter negotiations with the immediately impacted residents and institutions to address the community's concerns. If the applicant is unwilling to undertake actions to satisfy the community's objections, I would ask that the Board not grant the zoning relief sought.

Sincerely,

Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

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