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Dear Sirs/Madams,

In regards to case number BZA case 17043, I would like to robustly support the Stanton Park Neighborhood Association in their appeal.

As you can see from my address (above), I live directly across the street from the Medlink hospital. While parking has always been at a premium in this area, it has gotten worse since the new townhoues were erected across the street on Massachusetts and on 7th St (across from the hospital).

I believe that:

1. BZA should revoke the Certificates of Occupancy because the Zoning Administrator issued them without input from BZA or the community.

2. BZA should require MedLink's owners to provide the same number of parking spaces as in BZA's existing orders, which establish how much parking is adequate for the facility. There are up to 176 parking spaces in MedLink's underground garage. There is no reason for the owner not to use all available on-site parking spaces to reduce parking pressure on the neighborhood streets.

3. There is no evidence of any change in the scale of operations at MedLink. The owner appears to have sought the new Certificate of Occupancy for the sole purpose of reducing parking requirements.

4. MedLink is staffed 24 hours a day, so employees can park on the street during hours not covered by the residential parking program, making it hard for residents to park on evenings and weekends.

5. MedLink has a consistent history of disobeying the parking requirements imposed by BZA.

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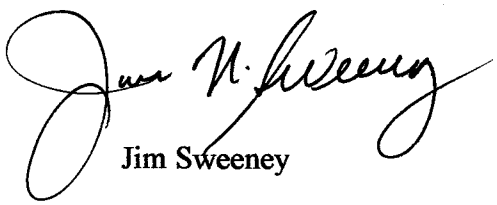
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6. Any reduction in the parking requirements should be conducted through a public process with opportunity for discussion of the adverse impact that reducing the required parking spaces will have on the surrounding residential area.

There is no reason that Medlink cannot provide adequate parking for its employees without having a negative impact on already scarce parking in our neighborhood.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Jim Sweeney