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Reference: **BZA CASE 17043**
Subject: **Support of SPNA's Appeal**

Gentlemen:

As a new resident to the Stanton Park Neighborhood I can clearly see the need to support the Stanton Park Neighborhood Association's Appeal regarding the above noted case number. Parking on Capitol Hill is always an issue for the residents. Having lived on a block near Lincoln Park for more than a decade, where spaces were more readily available, I can attest to the fact that the parking situation in the Stanton Park Neighborhood is much tighter (I have already had to walk several blocks home some evenings).

As fellow neighbors (but non-resident) MedLink should do all that it can to assist the continued improvement to the quality of life that we have been experiencing here on the hill for the last several years. It not only benefits the neighborhood but also MedLink.

The numbers just don't make sense……

1991 – 130 Beds with 250 employees and a requirement for 176 parking spaces
1999 – 162 Beds with 340 employees and a requirement for 276 parking spaces
TODAY – 177 Beds with over 300 employees and a reduced requirement **FOR ONLY 85 SPACES**

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As residents and taxpayers living in the neighborhood we respectfully request that the BZA take action on SPNA's Appeal and that the following measures be undertaken:

1. BZA should revoke or suspend the Certificates of Occupancy because the Zoning Administrator issued them without input from the 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. These 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 to reduce parking pressure on the neighborhood streets.
3. There is no evidence of any change in the scale of operation at MedLink. The owners appear to have sought the new Certificate of Occupancy for the sole purpose of reducing the established level of adequate parking required by the BZA.
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. Any reduction in the parking requirements should be conducted through a public process with the opportunity for discussion of the adverse impact that reducing the required parking will have on the surrounding residential areas.

We plan on attending the November 4th Hearing on the SPNA Appeal and hope to hear that a fair and reasonable approach to resolving this matter to the mutual satisfaction of all parties is to be undertaken.

Regards,

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