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ANC COMMISSIONER, SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 1C02

STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD

Board of Zoning Adjustment Case #17044
Use Variance: 2005 Columbia Rd NW
Hearing Date: July 29, 2003
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Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I am pleased to appear before you to strongly oppose the Use Variance application for 2005 Columbia Road NW (BZA Case No. 17044). Under the new Single Member District (SMD) boundaries, this property has moved from SMD 1-C-01 into my SMD which is 1-C-02.

I believe that this Board feels strongly that local concerns must be incorporated into its decisions. While I have spoken with dozens of citizens that live within 1 block of 2005 Columbia Road NW, I have not found a single resident who supports this application. Without repeating the very clear statement that ANC 1C submitted to the Board, I would like to personally urge you to reject this application.

Along with our entire community, I take great pride in the diversity and residential character of the Kalorama Triangle Historic District. It is a historic district that our residents fought very hard to establish and to protect. Granting the Use Variance requested would [redacted] firmly establishing commercial enterprises to encroach further on this residential zone. Therefore, I implore you not to take such a step.

Finally, I would like to note that due to a long-standing commitment outside of the DC area, I was not able to attend ANC 1C's meeting where a vote on this matter was recorded. As you are aware, that vote was 6 to zero opposing to the Use Variance application. Had I been present the vote would have been 7 to zero, and an even more compelling result.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nikolaos Apostolides
ANC Commissioner, SMD 1-C-02

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