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December 3, 2003

The Hon. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA No. 17071: Application for Special Exception, 1312 13th Street, NW (Square 243, Lot 12).

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

At its regular monthly meeting on November 5, 2003, ANC 2F voted 6 – 0 to oppose the application of Nancy N. Dao and Edward B. Rooths for a special exception to change an alleged nonconforming use as a Laundry Service to office use. The ANC's opposition is based both on principle, that a residentially zoned building in our community should not be converted to office space, and on the facts of the case. The entire premise of this application is based on material misrepresentations of past and present uses.

There is no laundry on the premises, nor does any record exist of a business license issued to the above-named individuals for a laundry or other uses. Please see the enclosed affidavit sworn by Meredith R. Scott, Program Manager of the Business Service Division, DCRA. Moreover, residents of the area, including the undersigned, will testify that no laundry has existed on the premises during the last 25 years. The Certificate of Occupancy for an industrial laundry service issued to the previous owner of the building, Ha Ok Kim, on June 23, 1989, was obtained fraudulently, as the nature of Mr. Kim's business was an illegal use of the premises for a baseball cap sewing operation. This use was discontinued after enforcement action taken by the zoning inspector and the Fire Marshall. Mr. Kim then sold the building to the current owners, who are attempting to convert part of the building to office use in the guise of accessory use to a non-existent laundry. The Certificates of Occupancy submitted by the Applicants in this case were obtained by fraudulent self-certifications and should be revoked.

Please notify me when the hearing is rescheduled. I expect to testify and to bring other witnesses on behalf of the community. I can be reached at 1325 13th Street, NW #25, Washington, DC 20005.

Thank you for according our views great weight.

Sincerely,

Helen M. Kramer
Chairman, ANC 2F

Enclosure

BZA
Case No. 17071
Exhibit No. 24

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 17071
EXHIBIT NO. 24

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
Business and Professional License Administration



Helen M. Kramer
P.O. Box 9348
Mid City Station
Washington, DC 20005

October 22, 2003

Dear Ms. Kramer:

I, Meredith R. Scott, first duly sworn on oath, depose and state as to my personal knowledge of the following facts:

(1) I am the custodian of the records of the Business Service Division, Business Regulation Administration, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

(2) The Business Service Division maintains all business records for the District of Columbia.

(3) As part of my official duties, I conduct record(s) searches to determine whether businesses are, or are not, licensed in the District of Columbia.

(4) A search of the authentic business license record(s) of the Business Service Division revealed that:

No Business License, Master Business License, or Basic Business License with an endorsement for a Laundry (Power or Hand) has been issued to Bar Legal Services & Consulting, for the premise 1312 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 for the period January 1, 1999 to present.

No Business License, Master Business License, or Basic Business License with an endorsement for a Laundry (Power or Hand) has been issued to Nancy N. Dao, for the premise 1312 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 for the period January 1, 1999 to present.

No Business License, Master Business License, or Basic Business License with an endorsement for a Laundry (Power or Hand) has been issued to Edward B Rooths, for the premise 1312 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 for the period January 1, 1999 to present.

No Business License, Master Business License, or Basic Business License with an endorsement for a Laundry (Power or Hand) has been issued to N & E Services, for the premise 1312 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 for the period January 1, 1999 to present.

Signed and Sealed

Meredith R. Scott
Program Manager
Business Service Division

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