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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW; Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001
Via fax: 727-6072

RE: Letter in Opposition to Application # 17095 at 1701 Kalorama Road, NW

Chairman Griffis and other members of the BZA:

I am writing to urge the BZA to oppose the application for a special exception at 1701 Kalorama Road, NW (application # 17095), by Sun Service Inc. The valet parking at 1701 Kalorama has severely disrupted our neighborhood and lowered my quality of life.

To approve the application would 1) reward the owners of the building for non-compliant behavior, and 2) violate the Reed-Cooke overlay that was negotiated with significant community input a number of years ago. The community's vision for reasonable development would be summarily disregarded by the BZA. I urge you to respect the precedent of the Overlay in your deliberations.

The valet parking at this location was always supposed to be a temporary activity, occurring only during construction of the parking garage at the nearby "Lofts" development. That is the only reason the neighborhood did not object to it initially. Once the Lofts garage was completed, the valet parking was to move back to that location. Sun Service and the owners of the property have disregarded their promise and have been operating their business without a valid permit.

This is not the first time the neighborhood has had problems with the owner of the property, Douglas Jemal. As you will recall, Mr. Jemal previously had wished to significantly increase the height of the building, again in violation of the Overlay. The owner, in that case, ultimately decided to withdraw the application in the face of significant neighborhood opposition. Once again, I am requesting that the owner not be able to violate the Overlay through the establishment of a valet parking service.

In addition to concerns about adherence to the Overlay, I am also very concerned about the amount of noise and general disruption that emanates from the garage. Cars leaving late at night (sometimes as late as 4 am), make a great deal of noise, and the individuals walking to and from their cars leave behind a mess of beer bottles and other trash that those of us who live in the neighborhood must dispose of. Clearly, a valet parking garage that operates until the wee hours of the morning in a residential neighborhood is not the best use of the property.

Again, I urge you to respect the Reed-Cooke Overlay and the wishes of the local residents. I ask that you reject this application.

BZA
Case No. 17095
Exhibit No. 29

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 17095
EXHIBIT NO. 29

Sincerely,

James R. Schufreider

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 8, 2004

To: Board of Zoning Adustment
The Hon. Jim Graham
Simi Batra

From: Jim Schufreider

Re: BZA Case 17095, 1701 Kalorama

Please find attached a letter in opposition to the application for valet parking service at 1701 Kalorama. The signatories are all residents of 1661 Crescent Place.

Thank you,

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