October 21, 2003

To whom it may concern:

I would like to open a *Coffee/Sandwich* shop at 129 15th St. NE, Washington, DC 20002, Which will serve an assortment of beverages, and food?

My place will serve as a neighborhood meeting place, a safe haven if you will for the community which will foster ownership and unity among the residents.

The property has always been in use as commercial space and had been empty for a number of years until my church purchased it. 129 15th street is a corner space which Make's this space a very good location for a neighborhood coffee shop. Since the use Of this space has always been commercial since the early 60's it should continue as a commercial space.

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To the best of my ability I will not interfere with the everyday operation of the neighborhood, I will do everything in my power to become a good influence to the community.

To turn this space into a residential space would be very costly because of the shape and Dimension's of the building, the front of the building alone was constructed solely as a commercial entrance, To reroute plumbing and reworking of the wiring for electricity would be very costly and unbeneficial to the community.

I plan to contact the ANC commissioner to get some feed back from that office as well As Ms Ambrose office I have already spoke with Mr. Skip Coburn in the City council Office to see what I can do to help enhance this neighborhood.

I have spoken to some of the resident's in the neighborhood and they seem to be very excited about having a Coffee Shop in their community, the resident's of the neighborhood are frequently stopping by to inquire about the opening date of the shop.

I would also like to employ some of the resident's from this neighborhood also during The daytime hour's parking will not interfere with the residential parking either. From spending a lot of time in this neighborhood because this is were my place of worship is Located I have noticed the undesirable activity in the area as well I will also work Closely with MPD to help curtail this activity as well.

Thank You
Sandra Douglas

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