LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

DATE: 3/1/2004

TO: MR. GEOFFRY GRIFFIS, CHAIR BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

FROM: LAUREN MILLER

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BZA APPLICATION 17117, CARVER TERRACE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

Mr. Griffis,

Enclosed is a letter for your review from ANC 5B Commissioner Terrance McMichael in support of Carver Terrace Community Service Center, BZA Application number 17117.

Thank you,

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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February 27, 2004

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Griffis:

On behalf of the Advisory Neighborhood Council (ANC) Commission 5B, I would like to express our enthusiastic support for the Carver Terrace Community Center (CTCC) effort. The ANC Commission 5B, as the body of government with the closest official ties to the people in the Carver Terrace neighborhood, is committed to supporting Carver Terrace Community Center knowing that its success will be an integral part of the comprehensive redevelopment efforts in the Carver Terrace community.

We fully support the request of the residents that this building have the following uses: most of the building as a community center; part of the lower level to rehouse our community convenience store; and the property's management and leasing offices located in the remaining space. The building at 2026 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, DC is part of the 33 building development, known as Carver Terrace Apartments ("Carver Terrace"). The property, which is zoned R-5b, has been used as multifamily rental housing for nearly 60 years. The resident association's offices and programs have been housed in one of the buildings and a convenience store has been located in another. Carver Terrace, L.P. (the "Partnership"), which is controlled by CTTCA-Wire, Inc. (the non-profit, residents association) and Telesis Corporation, has acquired the property and has renovated 32 buildings as rental housing with financial assistance from the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency, Department of Housing and Community Development, and private investors and lenders. The future site of the Community Center is the final building to be renovated.

The ANC recognizes the residents association's efforts to overcome negative influences with positive community activities to promote community businesses, improve living conditions, and increase safety. The CTTCA-Wire,

Inc. can be credited with several exceptional grass roots programs. These programs, including a Summer Enrichment Camp, After-School Program, The Langston-Carver Youth as a Resource Program (LCYAR), Girl Scouts, The Hypothermia Center, Carver Terrace Food Bank and U.S. Commodities Supplemental Food Program, Youth Safe Haven Police Mini-Station, as well as the Quantum Opportunities Program (QOP) at the Youth Safe Haven all sponsored by the Eisenhower Foundation. In addition to these exceptional programs, the residents association organizes a free Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner, distribution of gifts during the holiday season, monthly neighborhood newsletter, senior citizen excursions, and delivering food to the elderly and shut-in. As a residents association, they have clearly demonstrated the power of community members to strengthen their own neighborhoods.

It should be noted that the location of this Community Center at Maryland Avenue and 21st Street, NE was identified as the neighborhood "hot-spot" for crime and drug activity by the DC Office of Planning. It will now be the "hot-spot" of the constructive transformations taking place at Carver Terrace. Once the uses for the new Carver Terrace Community Center are approved and renovation of the building is complete, 2026 Maryland Avenue will be another clear example of the renewed spirit of community that has grown from the physical revitalization of this neighborhood. We look forward to supporting the construction of the CTCC and the positive community change that will surely follow.

Sincerely,

Terrance McMichael
Resident, Carver Terrace
Commissioner
ANC Commission 5B

March 1, 2004

This letter is written to express my enthusiastic support of Duren Community Store which is scheduled to reopen in the Carver Terrace Community Building, located at 2026 Maryland Avenue., N.E. Washington DC 20002.

It has been said "you never miss your water until your well runs dry". This statement is nothing, but the truth when it comes to this store and more importantly the family who runs it.

When Duren Community Store closed in 2002, our well began to dry. We ultimately lost a sense of ownership and wonderful people who gave the Carver Terrace Community more than providing a service, but they also gave hope, love, time, and conversation, prayer, encouragement, and if not a single word spoken, a smile.

The Duren Community Store has contributed to the community in a number of positive ways. The community store has provided water and ice cream to the Carver Terrace summer enrichment camp. Duren's Store has provided care bags filled with items from the store to families who were down on their luck and those who paychecks did not come in on time.

A true model of what community stores should represent. For, the continuing growth of the Carver Terrace community, I respectfully request your support in favor of the Duren Community Store.

Sincerely,

Terrance J. McMichaels, Sr.
Commissioner
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner
5B-11.

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