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Bishop S.C. Madison

Friday, April 30, 2004

Mr. Geoffrey H. Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 17160; Northwest Settlement House; 448 Ridge Street, N.W.

Dear Mr Griffis:

I am writing to you on behalf of the United House of Prayer for All People and Bishop S.C. Madison, CEO, in support of the above-referenced application of the Northwest Settlement House. The United House of Prayer for All People has been a part of the Shaw community for over seventy years and owns property within the immediate neighborhood of the Northwest Settlement House. In fact, we recently completed development of a fine single family property at 1227 5th Street, N.W., and are now developing additional properties at 442 N Street, N.W. and 444 N Street, N.W. (We are pleased that both of these properties now under development have come before the BZA, and have been approved.)

Throughout its existence as an important institution in Mt. Vernon Square/Shaw Community, without exception, the impact which the Northwest Settlement House has had on our community has been nothing but positive. Therefore, we applaud its present plans to improve its longstanding child development center, now at 448 Ridge Street, N.W. The proposed structure will, without question, afford the Northwest Settlement House an opportunity to enhance the substantial benefits it already offers to the Mt. Vernon Square/Shaw community by providing a pre-school and a before-and-after-school facility that can accommodate a greater number of students than are currently accommodated at the site. Furthermore, the construction will not create any substantial adverse impacts or detrimental effects to the public. The Northwest Settlement House's project will enhance the community and provide much needed educational programs and support for our neighborhood's children and youth. Further, this project will have a substantial positive impact on the quality of life for all the families in the socially and culturally diverse community that the Mt. Vernon Square/Shaw Community has now become.

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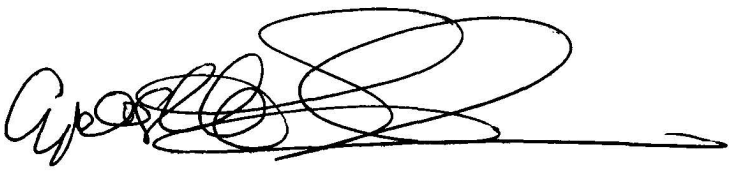
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In closing, again, please know that this project enjoys the wholehearted support of the United House of Prayer and Bishop S.C. Madison.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,



Apostle S. Green
Director of Special Projects
for BISHOP S.C. MADISON

cc: Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2C