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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210S
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Via Facsimile 202.727.6072

Re: BZA Case No. 17186 – Rear Yard Variance
Redevelopment at 777 6th Street, N.W. (Square 486)

Dear Board Members:

The D.C. Preservation League ("DCPL") is pleased to offer its support for the above-referenced application requesting a special exception relief from the roof structure setbacks and variance relief from the rear yard requirements of the Zoning Regulations for a new multi-story building at 777 6th Street, NW. The requested relief is necessary to accommodate a settlement agreement reached by DCPL and 777 6th Street, LLC with respect to this property. 777 6th Street, LLC acceded to DCPL's wishes to save and incorporate major portions of "Hockemeyer Hall," a building that we believe is worthy of historic preservation, into the new building. DCPL initially sough historic landmark designation to protect the property. After discussion with 777 6th Street, LLC, DCPL agreed to withdraw its landmark application in exchange for 777 6th Street, LLC's commitment to incorporate major portions of Hockemeyer Hall into its new building.

We understand from the applicant that, because it is retaining Hockemeyer Hall, it is no longer able to provide a rear yard that conforms to Zoning Regulations. We believe that the retention of this historic building creates a unique situation for this site and a good preservation opportunity for the city. To the extent that a variance is necessary in order to protect the surviving portions of Hockemeyer Hall, we request that Board to act favorably upon 777 6th Street LLC's application.

Yours very truly,

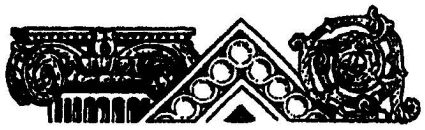
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