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March 29, 2005

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Ms. Jerriley Kress
Office of Zoning, District of Columbia
414 4th Street NW; Suite 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Re: BZA Case 17271 - JBG/Louisiana
51 Louisiana Avenue, NW
Request for Reconsideration

Dear Ms. Kress:

The Capitol Police Board (Board) understands that the Board of Zoning Adjustment is planning to issue a final order concerning the JBG Companies' request for a height variance at 51 Louisiana Avenue, NW. The Board has waited to request reconsideration because internal law enforcement experts have been actively reviewing and analyzing the potential security impacts that a height variance at 51 Louisiana, NW would have on the U.S. Capitol Complex. As a result of the analysis completed by internal security experts, the Board concludes that the variance under consideration will have a significant impact on Congressional security. Therefore, the Board respectfully requests the reconsideration of the variance currently being reviewed by the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Moreover, pursuant to the authority of the Capitol Police Board under Public Law 108-447, December 8, 2004, to make determinations regarding the release of information which imports Congressional security, the Board also requests an opportunity to review information that is proposed for public release to protect against release of any security sensitive information or revealing any vulnerabilities of the U.S. Capitol Complex.

Attached for your review is a copy of a letter from the Capitol Police Board to Mr. Benjamin R. Jacobs, The JBG Companies, dated March 4, 2005, expressing the Board's security concerns.

Your consideration of the Board's security concerns and requests outlined above is greatly appreciated. The Board remains willing to provide any information that you may require for reconsideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance.

Very Respectfully,

William H. Pickle
Chairman
Capitol Police Board

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Cc: Mr. Geoffrey H. Griffis

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Mr. Benjamin R. Jacobs
The JBG Companies
4445 Willard Avenue, Suite 400
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

On behalf of the Capitol Police Board, this correspondence is in response to your letter, dated January 21, 2005, regarding your proposed development in close proximity to the U.S. Capitol.

The Capitol Police Board and the United States Capitol Police have reviewed your request to accept the ruling of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) regarding your proposed development on New Jersey Avenue, NW. However, after further consideration, we cannot accept your contention that there are no security issues. Indeed, our security and law enforcement professionals have advised that, from a security perspective, the variance to increase the height of the building would increase exposure and vulnerability to the Capitol complex, and as such, we are not able to accept or endorse the BZA ruling.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William H. Pickle
Chairman
Capitol Police Board

cc: The Honorable Wilson Livingood
Member, Capitol Police Board
The Honorable Alan M. Hantman
Member, Capitol Police Board
Chief Terrance W. Gainer
Member, *Ex Officio*, Capitol Police Board