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Application # 17281

The Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 220-S
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Dear Members of the Board:

My name is Anthony J. Motley, and I live at 3839 Halley Terrace, SE, Ward Eight. I am also the President and CEO of Inner Thoughts, Inc., a twenty-four year old non-profit community based educational program development organization located in Ward Eight, and also serve as the President and Co-Founder of the JOBS Coalition of Washington, DC, a non-profit employment development program located in Ward Eight. Presently, Inner Thoughts, Inc. is located at 4415 South Capitol Street, SW and operates the Bellevue Home Buying Resource Center and Computer Learning Lab.

I am writing to you on behalf of the application of Power Fuel and Transport LLC, and Mr. Berhanu Terrefe, owner of the LP Mart located at 4665 South Capitol Street, SW, and the Lowest Price Gas Station to be located at 4675 South Capitol Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Since becoming aware of the request of Mr. Terrefe and his company to build and operate a gas station at the location referenced above, I have followed these developments with much interest and concern. First, as a resident of the community in which this gas station would be located I have always been curious as to why the present gas stations in our community have always charged more for their gasoline than the surrounding areas, thereby forcing many of us to have to go to other communities and even into Maryland to seek lower gasoline prices. Second, as President of the JOBS Coalition I have always been advocating for employment opportunities for the residents of our City and in particular those living East of the River in Wards 7 & 8, and am always looking for and supporting employment generating opportunities for our residents.

In that context I am perplexed over the fight that has been ensuing over the zoning and permitting of this gas station to be located in our community. I do understand that a process that is in place along with certain rules and regulations must be adhered to. I am also aware that certain regulatory bodies to include the local Advisory Neighborhood

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Commission must be part of that process. However, once it has been established that the rules, for whatever reason, where not followed, and the applicant proceeds to bring their application into compliance, then in my estimation there is no logical reason for the application to not be approved.

Based on the fact that it looks like all the permits were secured for the work to be done at 4665-4667 South Capitol Street, SW, and that there is evidence of prior use as a gas station in that area, I would like to recommend that the Board vote to support this application. It is my belief that by supporting this application it will do two things for our community: 1) Provide cheaper gas in cost but not in quality, given that the gas stations in the area get their gasoline from the same supplier; and, 2) the approval of the application will afford employment opportunities to those in the community seeking work, thus resulting in a decrease in our unemployment rate.

In closing, please allow me to state that many residents and business owners in our community, who have not had an opportunity to testify either before the Board of Zoning, or the Advisory Neighborhood Commission do support having this business enterprise in our community. We welcome the prospects of new business, which will stimulate economic growth and provide us with competitive pricing, especially in an industry where the pricing has skyrocketed.

I would like to thank you for this time, and look forward to your favorable consideration of the application of Power Fuel and Transport, LLC.

Sincerely,

Reverend Anthony J. Motley
Resident

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