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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairperson
Board of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case No.: 173-04

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 7C, regarding the above cited proposal. It is our understanding that this project has been in the planning stages for over two years, however, it should be noted that ANC 7C was not made aware of the proposed venture until early March 2005. Again, the requirement for a timely notification process was not met. These failures tend to inflame the residents of our community and foster negative relationships between the community and those organizations/agencies seeking to build in our community. Be that as it may, it is my responsibility to advise you that during an ANC 7C community meeting on 14 April 2005, the Commission voted unanimously to **reject** the proposed location. And during a Single Member District 7C03 community meeting on 11 May 2005, the residents of this community, while supportive of the need for community-based services for parole and probation, expressed unanimous **rejection** of the proposed location.

The residents of this community have long voiced concern not only for the lack of communication from city officials regarding projects in the area, such as this proposed construction, but also for potential problems associated with it, i.e., an increase in the volume of traffic, traffic congestion, and exacerbated parking problems for residents who already have to contend with street parking by commuters who use our conveniently located MetroBus/Rail Services. In terms of business development, this community actively seeks and would give wholehearted support to improvements in such sites as the Shrimp Boat, the Benco Shopping Center, and the former Chef's Table building. We question why those sites (and others in the area) can not be cleaned up before moving forward with other new construction?

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In closing, we would like to thank Mr. Paul Quander, Director of CSOSA, for taking time to meet with ANC 7C and Single Member District 7C03, engaging in open discussion and sharing information concerning the proposed construction with us.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Woods,
Commissioner 7C
SMD 7C03

cc: Vincent C. Gray,
Ward 7 Councilmember

24 May 2005

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