May 31, 2005

Government of The District of Columbia
Board of Zoning and Adjustment (BZA)
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 17316 – Townhouses 2700 F Street, S.E.

Dear BZA Board Members:

The Parkman family has lived at 1615 27th street for 13 years. Our home is directly across the street from the townhouses proposed in Application No. 17316.
We are opposed to this ten-townhouse development.
We attended the ANC's May 21 meeting and were disappointed to hear that the people responsible for building the townhouses could not give us good information. The Anacostia Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) team continues to distort the truth in their presentations for this (for example the AEDC presentation indicated that if the townhouses were rejected, an apartment building would be placed on the site). This AEDC team has engendered frustration and ill will in our neighborhood

The applicant proposes to build within a few inches of the lot line (instead of the required 8 feet) at the North end of the property, near the apartment building parking lot. This end of the townhouse property is across the street from me and my neighbors in the 27th street corridor. My reasons for opposition include blocked view, the loss of breeze, loss of property value, and the crowded look that it would bring to our little community.

ANC7B and an AEDC Team supported an assisted living facility on this site in BZA case 16896 that this community was against. We joined my neighbors to pay for a lawyer to present our position to the BZA. After hearing all of the issues, BZA supported our position and did not allow the construction of the facility. We may again find ourselves in a situation where this and AEDC team is not listening to those of us in the neighborhood most impacted by this case. Fortunately ANC 7B sided with us by voting to disapprove the ten townhouses.

We urge that BZA reject this townhouse development.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. M. Parkman

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