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

BZA 17323
2105 10th Street LLC

Dear Chairman Griffis:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 5, 2005 (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of nine of eleven members was present) ANC1B voted unanimous (9-0-0) support for variances and special exception in BZA 17323. The Commission has been working with this development project for the past two years, and concedes partial responsibility for occasioning the zoning relief sought in this case. The Commission was instrumental in having the historic church building that is part of this site landmarked, which in due course exacted a difficult passage for the development's design through the Historic Preservation Review Board. The restrictions on design faced by applicant in restoring the church building and adding a new structure amenable to HPRB has led to the variances and special exception sought in this case. We believe that granting relief in this case will not cause any detriment of the public good nor impair the intent, purpose and integrity of the zone plan. We do believe that applicant's willingness to adapt their design to incorporate restoration of the First African New Church, as a part of the larger residential development is an important benefit to both our neighborhood and the inventory of historic structures in the District. We ask the Board to give great weight to our support for this application.

Sincerely,

Deairich Hunter, Chairman

Philip C. Spalding, Secretary

CC: Councilmember Jim Graham
Cardozo Shaw Neighborhood Association
Office of Historic Preservation

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