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DATE: November 4, 2009

SUBJECT: BZA Case - 1700 N Street, NW - 17337-A

The District of Columbia Fire Marshal's Office has reviewed the information concerning the 1700 N Street Follies BZA case scheduled for a public hearing on December 8, 2009. There is reason for concern regarding the alley entrance on 17th Street, NW. This alley entrance is the sole entrance to the rear of all the parcels that line this city block. The entrance is restricted to one opening of less than ten feet (10'). While this is common throughout the city, most alleys have multiple points of entrance allowing better access and egress for the emergency services providers. As we continue to allow additional traffic through new construction and particularly service entrances from the rear, we will eliminate access to the rear of the buildings for fire apparatus. As this occurs, fire department access is restricted to only one side of the building, the address side. Many fire department rescues have been made from the rear of buildings and homes using portable and aerial ladders. Serious consideration should be given to this proposed zoning change and approval of this project.

Without having the entire project plans, I assume the new hotel would be required by the International Building Code or the International Existing Building Code to have full automatic Fire Sprinkler protection based upon NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Automatic Sprinkler Systems. If the project gains approval, I would ensure that this building be designed to include the highest level of automatic fire protection and detection permitted within the code. Additionally, we recommend that the provisions of the ICC International Fire Code (2006) be maintained and adhered to on all phases of this project.

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