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July 4, 2005

Chairperson Geoffrey Griffis
Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220
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Attention: Sherri Pruitt, Secretary

RE: **Application No. 17346** -- of Gayle Berkley, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3104.1, for a special exception to allow a rear deck addition to an existing single-family row dwelling under Section 223, not meeting lot occupancy (Section 403) and rear yard requirements (Section 404), in the R-3 District at premises 228 Ascot Place, NE (Square 3557, Lot 65).

Dear Chairperson Griffis:

This letter is written to formally and respectfully request that the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment waive the "seven day filing requirement for written reports from ANC's" pursuant to 11 DCMR 3307.1, in order that the attached report may become a part of the official record in the above-referenced case.

We thank you in advance for your favorable response to our request for a waiver of the seven day filing requirement for written reports from ANC's; indeed, we trust that the attached report will be given a chance to receive the "great weight" to which it is entitled.

Yours truly,

James D. Berry, Jr.
Chairperson

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Dear Chairperson Griffis:

I write to inform you that the officers and members of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C (ANC 5C) met on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at its regular monthly meeting to consider, among other issues, the above-referenced application. For the record, please note that this meeting was held at the Edgewood Terrace Senior Building, 635 Edgewood Street, NE (in Crawford Hall on the 9th floor); that the public was given timely and appropriate notice of the date, location and hours of the meeting; and that eight (8) of the 11 members of ANC 5C were present and voting at the time that a decision was made concerning the issue, i.e., well above the minimum number required to constitute a quorum.

Specifically, the applicant made a presentation of her plans to construct a rear deck addition onto her property at 228 Ascot Place, N.E. – complete with pictures of her property as well as those of adjoining properties. Interestingly, the pictures of the adjoining properties revealed that a good number her neighbors already have rear deck additions attached to their homes and from what we could tell, the applicant's plans seem consistent and compatible with the pre-existing construction of her neighbors. Further, if granted the special relief that she is requesting, there would seem to be no adverse impact upon the surrounding community that we could determine. Of equal importance, there was no opposition to the applicant's proposed plans expressed by those neighborhood residents who were in attendance at the meeting and, at the time, we were not aware of any opposition to this project from members of the community at large.

In consideration of the preceding, the members of ANC 5C voted to lend its unanimous support to the request of Ms. Gayle Berkley, in connection with Application No.: 17346. Hence, I write this letter of support on behalf of ANC 5C, respectfully requesting that the Board of Zoning

Adjustment approve Ms. Berkley's application to build a deck addition onto the rear of her home.

If you have any questions about the position of ANC 5C on this matter and/or the contents of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me at (202) 824-2803, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or at (202) 387-8520 during the evening hours.

On behalf of the officers and members of ANC 5C, I thank you in advance for seriously considering our position concerning this application, and for giving our views on the matter the "great weight" to which they are entitled.

Yours truly,

James D. Berry, Jr.
Chairperson

cc: Members, ANC 5C
Ms. Gayle Berkley
ANC 5C Webmaster

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SUBJECT: **Application No. 17346** – of Gayle Berkley, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3104.1, for a special exception to allow a rear deck addition to an existing single-family row dwelling under Section 223, not meeting lot occupancy (Section 403) and rear yard requirements (Section 404), in the R-3 District at premises 228 Ascot Place, NE (Square 3557, Lot 65).

Please hand-deliver to Chairman Griffis and/or Secretary Pruitt, upon arrival. This case is scheduled to be heard at or about 9:30 a.m. on July 5, 2005. Thanks!

JDB