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Geoffrey Griffis
Chair
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington DC, 20001

Re: Application No. 17377 --- 5401-07 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011

Dear Mr. Griffis:

As a councilmember-at-large, I write in support of the application submitted by BHI International, Inc. for a variance on the renovation of a multi-family property located at 5401-07 9th Street, NW. It is my understanding that the application will be reviewed by the Board on Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

I understand that variance relief is necessary to allow renovation of this existing 70 years old apartment building into a new state of the art 39- unit multi-family dwelling located at 9th and Jefferson Streets, NW, one block east of Georgia Avenue. Further, I understand that 8 of the units will be converted from one-bedroom to two-bedroom duplex units by adding a mezzanine level to the third floor of the building.

Throughout the city, two-bedroom units are in great demand by both senior citizens and young married couples. I applaud the proposed renovation, a forward-thinking approach to reusing aging housing stock into new units. This will help the District achieve its housing goals beneficial to all citizens in our city. Additional, I see this type of plan helping to upgrade the Georgia Avenue corridor and continuing the revitalization of the neighborhood.

Finally, I am pleased to join the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D, as well as the neighbors surrounding the project, in extending support for this application.

If you require further information, please contact me directly, or my assistant, Anita Bonds at 724-8174. Thank you in advance for given consideration to my position on this application. I look forward to a favorable outcome.

Sincerely,

Kwame Brown
Councilmember-at-large

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