ANC1B
**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
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9 July 2005

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

**BZA Case No. 17386**
**2809 15th Street & 1480 Girard Street NW**

Dear Chairman Griffis:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 7, 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 special exception from sections 403.3 and 408, area variances from sections 400.14, 2101.1 and 2115.1, and use variance from section 350.4 to the DC Department of Parks and Recreation towards building a public recreation and community center in the D/R5B and R5B zones at 2809 15th Street & 1480 Girard Street NW. Applicant has spent considerable time working with neighborhood constituents to develop a design reflecting the needs of the Columbia Heights neighborhood, and the design offered has the full support of its surrounding community. We note that this application is scheduled to be heard in October, and petition the Board to attempt to accommodate any earlier hearing date that your calendar allows. As part of the motion of support Commissioners Parker (SMD), Spalding and Thomas Smith were delegated to represent the Commission on this application. We ask the Board to grant these variances and special exceptions, and to accord great weight to our endorsement of this application.

Sincerely,

Deairich R. Hunter, Chairman

Philip C. Spalding, Secretary

CC: Councilmember Jim Graham
DC Department of Parks and Recreation
South Columbia Heights Neighborhood Association

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