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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director
Office of Zoning
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Re: BZA Application for D.C. Government/Department of Parks and Recreation; Square 2607, Lot 74; 2809 – 15th Street and 1480 Girard Street, N.W.

Dear Ms. Kress:

The proposed Columbia Heights Community Center is clear example of the revitalization that is currently taking place within the community. This facility will dramatically improve the intersection at 15th and Girard Street, N.W., while providing services and recreational activities for residents. I have been working to put this into place since early 1999, and you can imagine how satisfied I am that this is near fulfillment.

I am pleased to also support the commitment by the DC Government to provide office and other space to the Columbia Heights Youth Club. In addition to the benefits to the community after construction is completed, I anticipate that residents will benefit throughout the duration of construction activities, by the action of the Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative (CHSFSC). The CHSFSC requires that the General Contractor to post all job vacancies with CHSFSC for a period of 48 hours, prior to notification to DOES. This narrows the search for workers within the immediate community before expanding the search to all District residents.

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This facility will improve the quality of life for all residents of the Columbia Heights Community and my office is in full support of its approval for construction.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

J. Graham

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cc: Ms. Deborah Davis