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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 17521

EXHIBIT NO. 104

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Re: BZA Application 17521 - 601-645 H Street, NE (Square 859, Lot 177)

Dear Members of the Board:

H Street Main Street (HSMS) hereby reiterates its full support of zoning relief requested by the applicant as stated in the Office of Planning (OP) Memorandum dated November 20, 2006.

In consideration for HSMS' support of zoning relief, applicant agreed during an OP Meeting held Thursday, November 16, 2006 to provide retail space in its proposed development. The proposed development currently limits the retail space to 30 ft in depth. However, viable retail space requires a minimum depth of 60 ft. **HSMS requests that the Board include a minimum 60 ft depth retail requirement from the applicant prior to zoning relief approval.**

The additional 30 ft depth would also invite the attraction of restaurants to the proposed development. The Community hopes that the presence of a restaurant with outdoor seating at the 7th & H Street corner will eliminate the long standing illicit activity that has historically plagued this location.

In an effort to eliminate similar illicit activity throughout the corridor, **HSMS requests that the Board require applicant to enter into a community partnership with HSMS.** Such partnership would include sponsorship of HSMS Clean and Safety program and future H Street Corridor marketing campaigns promoting its retailers and urban living.

The mission of HSMS is to serve as a driving force behind the revitalization of the H Street Corridor. The Corridor's revitalization plan includes development

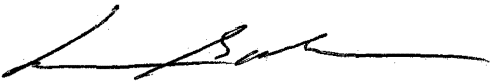
of a clean and safe environment, diverse retail district, affordable housing and entertainment destinations.

HSMS hopes that the Board will support the Community's revitalization efforts by granting the above requests.

Sincerely,

H STREET MAIN STREET

Delicia Gunn Karim, HSMS Board Member

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Anwar Saleem,
Chairman,
HSMS Board

cc: Mark Dixon, Anthony Rivera and Bill Sisolak, ANC 6C
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