

Linden Neighborhood Association

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2 October 2006

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street N.W.
Suite 220 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA #17521
Application of 600-645 H Street Ventures LLC

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Dear Members of the Board:

The Linden Neighborhood Association, a public advocacy group located approximately 6 blocks from the proposed development in the 600 Block of H Street. As a group we opposed the H Street Overlay because it came too soon to the H Street corridor without any specifics in terms of size and definition (i.e. FAR, historic, height, density). The look of the building is too modern and looks too much like Station Place with too much glass. Traffic impacts require more thought and consideration for both pedestrian and vehicle movement.

While the local ANC's supported a concept without understanding the ramifications of their actions (which they have admitted on the public record), we the community now must wrestle with the complexities of a poorly designed plan that has serious implications along the entire corridor. The ANCs have not shared information nor sought widespread community involvement into their decisions.

Our organization supports responsible growth along the H Street corridor and has worked hard over the years to increase economic development that would be user friendly to both residents and business interests. How we proceed from here will set the tone to negotiate development in this Overlay zone and its impact on our fellow neighbors at the other end of the corridor. We are disinterested in scaring away business, but realize that the plan before us will require serious modifications to be conducive to the needs of residents from the 300 block to the 1300 block of H Street, N.E.

As we continue to study the plan and confer with others, we reserve the right to present both oral and written testimony in this matter on Tuesday 10 October 2006 before the august body. I am available to address any issues you may have at 202.546.6723 or via email at Linexchang@oldcitycapitolhill.org.

Sincerely,

Robert Pittman

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Executive Director

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EXHIBIT NO. 33