

October 20, 2017

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW Suite 200/210-S
Washington, DC 20001

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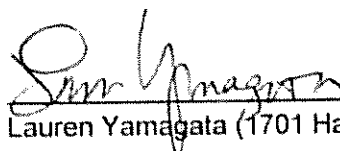
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EXHIBIT NO.73

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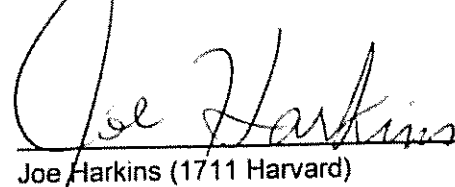
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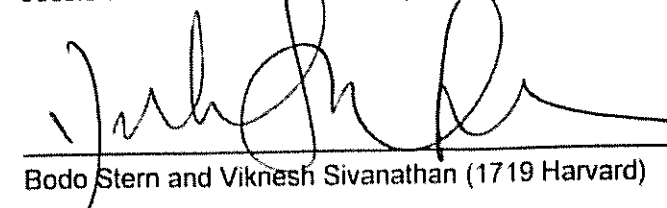
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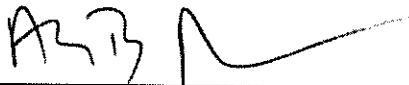
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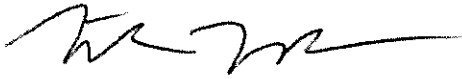


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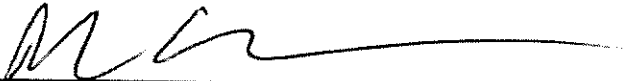
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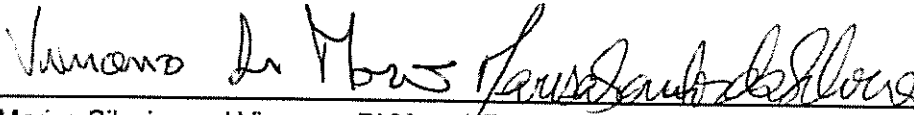
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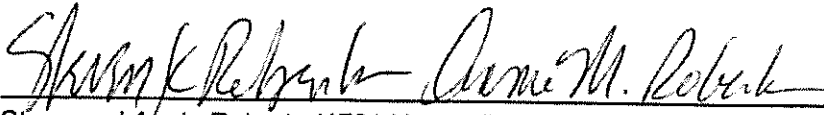
Linda Schakel (1727 Harvard)

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Steve and Annie Roberts (1731 Harvard)

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Eric Picard (1741 Harvard)

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Jennifer B Pace
Jen Pace (1749 Harvard)

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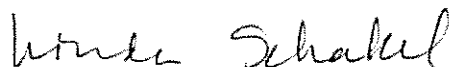
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