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Sara Benjamin Bardin
Director, Office of Zoning
Suite 210
441 4th Street, NW
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Re: BZA #20608 at 403 7th St SE (Southeast Library)

Dear Ms. Bardin:

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS)'s Zoning Committee voted to support the applicants' request for a special exception for lot occupancy and an area variance for pervious surface requirements in order to expand both vertically and horizontally the existing library. This will include providing a new entrance for handicapped accessibility and will double the square footage of the library. The Committee believes that the proposed facility has been thoughtfully planned, will improve the use and attractiveness of the corner space at 7th St and So. Carolina Ave. SE, and will better serve the public than the current facility. The proposal is supported by DDOT, the Office of Planning, ANC6B, and Historic Preservation. Separately, CHRS' Historic Preservation Committee, which also reviewed and supports the plan, provided some suggestions for the plan that the architects incorporated.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth W. Hague

Beth Hague, Chair
Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Zoning Committee