

Andrew Altman
Director, Office of Planning
801 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20001

February 10, 2000

Dear Mr. Altman:

This is in response to Elizabeth Solomon's February 8, 2000 letter concerning development on the site of the Yale Steam Laundry in the 400 block of New York Avenue, NW.

Ms. Solomon does not speak for the whole neighborhood. Some neighbors are against the proposed hotel and some support it. The signatures below support the hotel.

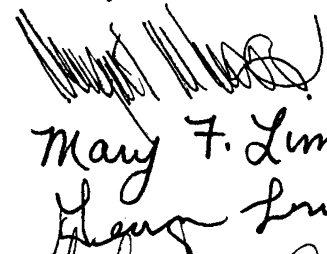
We are residents of the 1100 block of Fifth Street, NW, just west of the proposed development. We know that the planned hotel and adjacent apartment building will be 130 feet tall, and are aware of the impact on our views and light. However, we believe on balance that this development is good for the neighborhood.

The proposed 400+room hotel will replace empty, trash-strewn lots and long-abandoned buildings with visitors and a sense of life. It will return commerce to a neighborhood once bustling with a variety of businesses. It offers a chance for citizens to form a partnership with a business whose interest will echo ours in keeping the sidewalks, alleys and streets clean, safe and attractive. It will provide significant landscaping on New York Avenue and may well prove to be an imposing introduction to the heart of downtown Washington.

We believe that Mr. Minkoff and his associates have been very open and communicative with the neighborhood. We understand that there are legitimate views opposing the development but are not persuaded that any law has been broken or circumvented. We believe that Mr. Minkoff and his associates have the right to build the hotel as planned and thus far approved, and look forward to more details on his plans for the Norwitz and Yale Market sites.

We urge you not to mistake the sincere and passionate concerns of some of our neighbors as the voice of the neighborhood. It is a diverse neighborhood with many voices.

Sincerely,

 1117 FIFTH STREET - 22 YEAR RESIDENT
Mary F. Limehouse " " - 15 year resident
Henry Limehouse " " - 22 year resident
Michelle Chambers 1115 5th - 4 year resident

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(Altman letter from Fifth Street residents, page 2)

William Salzman 1111-5th St 24 yrs

Katharine Murray 1111-5th St NW. 24 yrs

Ken Swann 1120 5th St NW 33 yrs

Douglas F. Small 1114 5th St NW 12 yrs

John C. Sumner 1114 5th 12

Stephen J. [unclear] 1116 5th St NW 14+ years

[unclear] 1116 5th St NW 14 yrs

[unclear] 1131 5th St, NW 11 years

Tracy Langford 1127 5th St NW. 12 years

Mrs. Natalie S. Scott - 1141 5th St NW. 54 (since 1946)

CC: Elizabeth Solomon

Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
Councilmember Jack Evans

Letta Wierling 1131 5th Street, NW 12 yrs
[unclear] 436 MSt. 8 YRS

Lloyd Jordan, Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

Ellen McCarthy, Deputy Director, Office of Planning

Steven Raiche, Division Chief, Historic Preservation Division, DCRA

✓ DC Zoning Commission
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
Jerrily Kress, Executive Director, Office of Zoning

Faunceux Dixon 1124 5th St N
12 years
(I also support the ballot
on Mass Ave and the
I.T.C.) [unclear]

ANC Commissioner Lydia Goring
ANC Commissioner Leroy J. Thorpe
ANC Commissioner Lawrence Thomas
ANC Commissioner Doris Brooks
ANC Commissioner Norma Davis

K.C. [unclear]
1125-5 ST. N.W. 11 YRS
G. Swann
1102-5 St NW. 40 yrs

J. Kirkwood White, Committee of 100

Deering "Tip" Kendrick, President, Mt. Vernon Square Neighborhood Association

Margaret D. Gruffer
1102-5 St NW. 65 yrs +