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December 14, 2001

Gerrily Kress
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Re: Square 37 (West End); Case No. 0027M

Attached is a letter outlining my concerns re Square 37, as expressed by my constituents in the West End and their voice in ANC 2A and the Foggy Bottom Association. As a former ANC Commissioner I would appreciate the residential concerns being considered and add my opposition to any rezoning of Square 37.

Sincerely,

David A. Catania

cc: Alberto Bastida, Zoning

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Exhibit 25

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Andrew Altman
Director
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Washington, DC 20002

Re: Square 37 (West End); Case No. 0027M

Dear Mr. Bastida:

I am writing to request that you take into your highest consideration the position of the local residents in the West End and Foggy Bottom, who have spoken out unanimously against any rezoning of Square 37, bordering 23rd, 24th, and L Sts., N.W., in the West End. As a former ANC Commissioner, I am fully supportive of the community input into the decision represented by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, and the Foggy Bottom Association.

The ANC 2A report of Nov. 7, 2001 — approved unanimously by the ANC on Nov. 13, 2001 — notes that besides the importance to the neighborhood of the West End Library, which sits on Square 37, the two townhouses next to the library could be considered for historic designation. Additionally, the report notes, apartment building at 1121 24th St., next to the townhouses, may be the only such rental left in the West End.

Perhaps the most telling commentary in the ANC report (which was submitted into the Zoning record as Exhibit 18) are these facts:

"Mixed-use zoning for the West End has resulted in an extension to the West End of the unrelieved monotony of block after block of 90-110 foot buildings of the commercial strips of

the K Street, L Street, M Street corridors which comprise mid-town D.C. The historic residential and architectural fabric of the area was destroyed in rezoning to C-2-C and CR.

"Neighborhoods are at their most attractive and appealing when they include a variety of heights and textures and periods of architecture. The uniformity of building height in the mixed-use zone of the West End, together with sterile architecture, make much of the environment of the West End unappealing to residents and potential residents. The West End simply does not look or feel like a residential neighborhood, as the city promised it would."

I ask that you meet with the residents of the West End and Foggy Bottom to discuss any zoning change to Square 37.

Sincerely,

David A. Catania

cc: Ellen McCarthy
Arthur Jackson