Application to participate as a party in Zoning Commission Public Hearing, Case NO. 00-27:

a) Todd Sherbacow, 1140 23rd Street, NW, Apartment 902, Washington, DC 20037, 202-789-1300
b) This is a request to appear and participate as a party
c) Party will oppose the application
d) Party will not appear through legal counsel
e) No witnesses will testify
f) No testimony from witnesses
g) No Witnesses or experts
h) 15 minutes
i) As an owner and resident of the Gibson Condominium I have been elected by the residents to represent our interests by serving as a party to the case. As was the vote in the ANC, our community voted unanimously to oppose the application. The Gibson is located on the Northern portion of Square 37 and is separated only by an alley from the property owned by the petitioner and the entire southern portion of the square that is under consideration. The width of the alley is approximately 18 feet wide. The apartment owned by my wife and me in is on the ninth floor and looks across the parking lot owned by James Pedas with open views of half a city block. Currently the zoning allows for a maximum of a 50-foot structure on Mr. Pedas' land. If the petition is approved the 90 foot structure would block our light, air circulation, and views and thereby have an negative impact on the value of our home and reduce the quality of life we currently enjoy. Clearly my interests would be more affected than those of other persons in the general public. The economic impact is significant. I'm a first time homeowner. The purchase price of my home was an all time high for a unit of this size in the Gibson. One of the greatest attractions of our home is the open space out our windows and the resulting bright natural light. Boxing in our apartment could have a devastating impact on my personal wealth as the purchase price was high and my home is my single largest investment. Other adverse economic impact would result by potential damage to the foundation of the Gibson Condominium. Beyond driving the steel piles into the ground for a ninety-foot structure the surrounding bedrock on the Square has needed blasting to dig out space for a

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garage. The current blasting for construction on Square 25 has proved disruptive and damaging to our neighbor on Square 37. A chandelier has fallen in the Westin Hotel during blasting. The economic cost was high and there was great danger that a guest or employee might be harmed. I hope the Commission grants me party status as I've spent a great deal of time researching the issue and have a great deal of information to share on behalf of myself and the residents of the Gibson.

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