Foggy Bottom and West End
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2A)

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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

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Re: ANC-2A Position on the IMF 's Request for Modification to PUD— ZC Case No. 01-13A regarding Special Design for Park Service Benches and Maintenance of Parks

Dear Ms. Mitten:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A at its regular monthly public meeting on October 14, 2004, properly noticed and with five of the six Commissioners present, voted unanimously to approve the position taken by the Commission as outlined in Resolution 04-10A, copy attached, confirming ANC's opposition to the modification of the PUD amenity requested by the IMF.

We respectfully request that this letter and the attached resolution be made a part of the file on this case.

I trust that this information satisfies your request at last night's hearing.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Miller

Dorothy Miller, Chair
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

Attachment (1)

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CASE No. 01-13A
EXHIBIT No. 22

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THE FOGGY BOTTOM AND WEST END ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (ANC-2A) passed the following Resolution #04-10A

Concerning IMF Modification to PUD—ZC Case No. 01-13A— Special Design for Park Service Benches and Maintenance of Parks

Whereas, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was required to offer amenities for the PUD Headquarters II project which provided FAR above that allowed by underlying zoning for the site of their new building;

Whereas, 40% of the total amenity package offered by the IMF and approved by the Zoning Commission was for "superior" architectural design and street landscaping, which are actually of questionable merit and will not benefit the Foggy Bottom/West End community;

Whereas, another 21% of the total amenity package was for a contribution to the Housing Production Trust Fund that will not benefit residents of the Foggy Bottom/West End community;

Whereas, other portions of the amenity package, such as access to a public meeting room, are of specious value to Foggy Bottom/Wes End residents;

Whereas, only 21% of the total amenity package–through a "community amenity" package–is of direct benefit to Foggy Bottom residents;

Whereas, one of the specified amenities in this package was bench replacement in U.S. Park Service parks adjacent to their Headquarters II building;

Whereas, ANC 2A opposed this amenity at Zoning Commission hearings on the IMF PUD in 2001 because this amenity represented a District of Columbia subsidy to the Federal Government and because the parks did not require improvement;

Whereas, at ANC 2A's regular monthly meeting of October 14, 2004, the IMF proposed changing the bench replacement amenity to bench design and a park maintenance fund to be managed by the Golden Triangle BID;

Whereas, improvements to the parks continue to be unnecessary and if carried out would represent an amenity for IMF and other office workers in the area and not residents of Foggy Bottom/West End;

Whereas, the parks are not used by residents of Foggy Bottom/West End, except in a marginal way;

Whereas, the problem with the parks is not their condition or their benches, but rather large numbers of homeless Foggy Bottom residents living in the area;

Whereas, the Downtown Cluster of Congregations' Homeless Services Unit (DCC/HSU) has a proven 20-year track record of helping homeless persons to qualify for welfare, health, and social services benefits, to find transitional and permanent housing, and to secure employment–in other words, all of the services needed to break the cycle of homelessness or poverty;

Whereas, with $250,000, DCC/HSU will be able to dedicate a new half-time case manager/social worker to provide services to homeless residents of Foggy Bottom in these parks and the adjacent area over a period of 7 years;

Whereas, this change will provide real benefits to Foggy Bottom/West End residents and help redress the imbalance of this PUD's amenities that will actually be directed at Foggy Bottom/West End residents;

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2A opposes use of IMF amenity funds for U.S. Park Service parks and supports instead transfer of money designated for park improvement to DCC for providing services to homeless residents of Foggy Bottom.

DATE: 10-14-04

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01 LEHRMAN	✓					
02 PRICE	✓				✓	
03 TYLER	✓					
04 LEWIS				✓		
05 MILLER	✓					✓
06 LONG	✓					

Dorothy Miller
CHAIRPERSON/SECRETARY