ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8C

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April 8, 2002

Board of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
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Re: Case No.01-36C Consolidated PUD and Map amendment @Square S5868,Lot 1-(Unified Communications Center)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On April 3, 2002, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C held its regular monthly meeting. During the meeting the above-cited case was discussed. Present during the meeting were four commissioners, R. Calvin Lockridge, Renee Lucas, C. Kenneth Johnson and Mary Cuthbert.

This is to request a postponement on the zoning of Case No. 01-36C Consolidate PUD and Map amendment @ Square S5868, Lot 1 (Unified Communications Center) in order to have an independent Environmental study completed.

Commissioner Mary Cuthbert, Chair of ANC 8C, will speak on behalf of the Commission, If she is unable to attend the hearing, R. Calvin Lockridge, Vice Char will then speak on behalf of the Commission.

During the late 1970's and early 1980's, hazardous debris (ash) were illegally dumped on the northern end of the East Campus of the Saint Elizabeth Hospital. When METRO initially planned to build its subway transit system in Ward 8, it planned to build over the ash. However, for reasons unknown, Metro decided to build its transit system underground.

The ANC 8C hired the George Washington University, and I believe it was the Green Peace pro bono to conduct an independent study on the ash that is believed to have contaminated the area. This was initiated as a result of many residents of Ward 8 expressing concern about the potential hazards that may exist with the ash. The residents need to know the affects of the ash once it is disturbed and made airborne. In the late 1980's and the early 1990's several residents that lived on Pomeroy Road (we believe) died from airborne contaminants from the ash.

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The proposed parking lot will be in the same areas where the ash has settled for several years. It is the belief of the ANC 8C that to disturb the ash will cause more airborne contaminants that could be detrimental to the health and welfare of our community, as well as to those employees who are expected to work in the area.

It is very disturbing to the residents of Ward 8 that the community was not aware of the project until it was decided to proceed with it. The Technology Center provided limited communications to the community regarding the project. There was one (1) scheduled meeting held on January 18, 2002, sponsored by The Technology Center. The Technology Center did not communicate with the ANC 8C or the residents of Ward 8 prior to arranging a date, time and location for the meeting to allow the residents an opportunity to express their concerns.

Sincerely.

Mary J. Cuthbert
Chair- 8C04