# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

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June 28, 2002 Letter To Be Transmitted Via Fax

Honorable Carol Mitten
Chair
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001 Re: Case No. 02-15

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Dear Chairman Mitten:

Please accept Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's statement in Case No. 02-15. We oppose the adoption of the Text Amendment Providing Matter-of-Right Use in the R-1 Zone for Public Park and Recreational Uses.

We understand that the public hearing on this proposal will be held on Monday, July 1. We also understand that we have not met your rules requiring submission seven days before the hearing. However, we are asking for a waiver from that rule due to the fact that we were not aware of this hearing until June 26 when one of our constituents learned of it and notified us.

We did discuss this text amendment at our public meeting, held on June 27, 2002 at the D.C. Police Department's 4th District Community Room, 6001 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The following motion was adopted:
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B opposes a change in the city's zoning regulations that would permit recreation centers and community centers as a matter of right in residential zones. We sympathize with the need to streamline the process, but cannot support a matter-of-right process that does not mandate public comment. Public review is an essential safeguard for those who live in residential neighborhoods.

In addition, the commission asked me, Commissioner Sara Green, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 4B01, to represent this motion at the public hearing. I plan to be present to testify.

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A quorum was present for the vote and seven commissioners voted. Commissioners Sara Green, Rebecca Smallwood, Pat Kidd, Louis Thurston, and Ronald Austin voted for the motion. Commissioners Louis Lieb and Barrington Scott, I, abstained.

Thank you for accepting this testimony and for granting the waiver. And thank you for your consideration of our views in support of public review for new D.C. Department of Recreation projects in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

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