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July 1, 2002

Honorable Carol Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case No. 02-15

By Mail, E-mail and Facsimile

Dear Chairperson Mitten:

Attached, you will find a copy of an email that was recently received in my office from Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4B, concerning a matter of right for park and recreational uses in an R-1-B zoned neighborhood. It is my hope that you will give this opinion the great weight it deserves. Although the Zoning Commission has specific rules concerning submission of testimony, it is my opinion that this is greatly outweighed by the need to hear from residents and organizations in the District of Columbia concerning this very important zoning change.

Accordingly, I look forward to you accepting the opinion of ANC 4B, and the greater Takoma, Lamond, Manor Park, Brightwood and Riggs Park neighborhoods and using it to formulate your decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

Adrian Fenty
Councilmember, Ward 4

cc: ANC 4B
Plan Takoma
Historic Takoma

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-----Original Message-----
From: Sara Green [SMTP:RichAndSara@erols.com]
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2002 2:20 PM
To: FENTY, ADRIAN
Subject: Zoning Issue-ANC 4B Position & Concern

Hello:
Mr. Fenty, here is a copy of a letter I am faxing to the Zoning Commission today. I think it is outrageous that the D.C. Department of Recreation believes it should have the right to get approval for its buildings without going to the community. I thank you for helping us get a great building designed at the Takoma Recreation Center and at Lamond, among other places, but no community should assume it will always have a watchdog Council Member or a city administration that wants to work with neighborhoods. We need to know that a process is in place that protects us. I've been told that we are one of several community organizations, including Plan Takoma, that has a concern about this.

— Sara Green, ANC 4B01

Letter Faxed Today:
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B
6856 Eastern Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

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

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.

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,

Sara Green, Secretary and Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 4B01
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B
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cc: Honorable Adrian Fenty, Ward 4, D.C. City Council