Friends of Kennedy Playground, Inc.

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Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

Subject: Case Number 02-15

I'm writing on behalf of Friends of Kennedy Playground, Inc. ("FOKP") in support of the petition filed by the Office of Planning requesting text amendments to Title 11 of the DCMR to permit public recreation and community centers as a matter-of-right use in the R-1 zone.

FOKP is a non-profit community organization which has been working with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Office of Property Management on the renovation of Kennedy Playground, located at 7th and P Streets, N.W. One of the issues that arose during our project related to the use of public space and the zoning restrictions related thereto. A public recreation center is by definition a "public" use and therefore the proposed changes recommended by the Office of Planning are consistent with the intended protections afforded public space.

FOKP supports the Office of Planning's proposed amendments to Title 11 of DCMR.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-458-1504 if I can provide you with more information.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Easley, Chair
Friends of Kennedy Playground, Inc.

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