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Chevy Chase, MD 20815
8 November 2002

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

RE: Case No. 02-17 (PUD and Map Amendment @ Square 1663, Lot 25
and a Portion of Lot 7-5401 Western Avenue, NW)

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Dear Ms. Mitten:

My family and I are long time residents of the Friendship Heights community not far from the proposed re-development site at 5401 Western Avenue. We understand the Washington Clinic will be leaving the site, which has created an opportunity for redevelopment.

We support the Stonebridge Associates plan to re-develop this site into 125 condominiums and the required re-zoning of the property. We support the re-zoning based on the understanding that the development plan will be subject to a Planned Unit Development (PUD), ensuring all parties of the specifics related to the development. Our support for this project is based on Stonebridge Associates providing these key features:

1. Improvements to Chevy Chase Park, as well as tree and "green space" preservation.
2. The provision of space for the Chevy Chase Plaza Children's Center, allowing for much needed expansion of a day care center which gives priority to community residents.
3. The restriction of vehicular ingress and egress to Western Avenue.
4. All of the building mass and height situated in Western Avenue.
5. Affordable Housing.
6. Sufficient parking for the apartment residents, guests and day care center staff.

In a diverse community such as ours, which includes not only the residents of Ward 3 but also those in Montgomery County, Maryland, it is a challenge to create a re-development plan that will satisfy all parties. We believe the Stonebridge plan represents good planning, solid design concepts and respect for our neighborhoods.

Thank you for considering our support and ensuring prudent planning for our community.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Solomon

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