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Alberto Bastida, AICP
Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W. #210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case No. 02-19
Forest Hills Tree and Slope Zoning Overlay

Dear Mr. Bastida:

My family and I have resided at 2911 Albemarle Street, N.W., in Forest Hills, since 1987. Our house is directly across the street from 2900 Albemarle Street, whose impending demolition and redevelopment prompted our neighbors to initiate the above-referenced overlay proposal.

We chose Forest Hills precisely because of its unique, wooded character. I come from New York City, and I know very well what it is like to live in a city surrounded by brick and concrete, with scant greenery. We moved to Washington because it is a different kind of urban environment, with a long tradition of incorporating trees and vegetation into its landscape design.

I understand the concerns of homeowners who do not wish to be unduly restricted in the usage of their own properties; I feel the same way. However, I believe that there is sufficient flexibility built into the proposed regulation, and in the end, I feel that individual interests should yield to the greater good of the community.

I strongly support the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Zoning Overlay, and I intend to attend the September 5 hearing on this issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Christopher G. Hoge

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