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RE: Case No. 02-19

Dear Chair Mitten,

I write concerning the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Protection Overlay District and the continued hearing scheduled for September 5, 2002.

While there is indeed substantial community support in Forest Hills for the Tree and Slope Overlay District, and residents and ANC member have worked hard to construct this proposal, there are a number of Forest Hills residents who have raised concerns about the overlay.

It is my understanding that these residents, now organized as the Forest Hills Neighbors for Responsible Preservation (FHNRP), are preparing a formal submission in advance of the upcoming hearing and are requesting additional time to present their views. Although this is admittedly late in the process, I encourage you to permit sufficient time to facilitate a constructive oral presentation on the new organization's written submission that comments on the modified overlay proposal.

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Because new requirements will be imposed as a result of the tree and slope overlay, I also recommend that you consider revisiting this overlay, the template, and the other existing tree and slope overlays a year from now to see how they are functioning given their original purposes, and whether any additional provisions or other changes are needed.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Kathy Patterson