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02-19

Barbara Simons, President
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mrs. Simons:

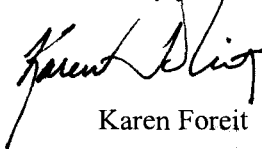
I was disappointed and saddened to read the personal attacks on myself and other members of Forest Hills Neighbors for Responsible Preservation, contained your letter to the Secretary of the Zoning Commission, dated 5 September 2002.

To impugn the motives of Forest Hills residents south of Soapstone Valley as having "the luxury of being able to free ride on the trees that surround it in Soapstone Valley Park, the Hillwood property, and the property of the Netherlands Embassy" is tantamount to asserting that we neither value our environment nor care about the well-being of our neighbors.

Resorting to such tactics lowers the level of the debate, which should be on the merits of the proponents' and opponents' testimonies, and is a disservice to both the community and to the organization which you represent – "Dedicated to the enhancement, maintenance, protection, and promotion of a positive community spirit in the Forest Hills neighborhood".

Your letter gives lie to your charge that it is a "myth" that the neighborhood is sharply divided over the overlay. I trust it was a momentary lapse, written in the heat of the moment, and that we will be able to resume discussions in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

Faithfully yours,


Karen Foreit

✓ Cc: Mr. Alberto P. Bastida, AICP
Secretary to the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
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Washington, DC 20001
Re: Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay District Case No. 02-19

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Exhibit 241

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