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Zoning Commission
Albert Bastida, Secretary
441 4th Street, Room 210
Washington D.C. 20001

Subject : Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay, Dec. 13, 2002 provisions

Dear Commissioners,

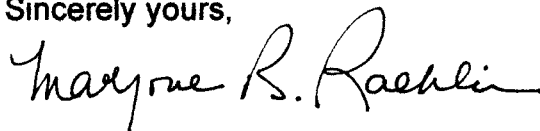
I fully support the December 13th provisions of the Tree and Slope Overlay with one exception. I believe that the provisions, as a whole, will protect our tree canopy and our ecology.

However, the side lot provisions in the December 13th rule are too restrictive in my opinion. I urge you to return to the original amended proposal from ANC 3F, which kept side lots at 8 feet plus 8 feet for lots under 80 feet and set up a sliding scale of wider side areas for lots over 80 feet.

Many lots in Forest Hills are 50, 55, 60 feet wide, even though R-1-A zoning is now 75 feet. At present a total of 16 feet of side area on those older lots is common. To require 24 feet of side space leaves only 26, 29, or 36 feet for the width of the house. When you look at the general pattern in the neighborhood, this is too limiting.

I am glad to see the setback provisions, the 30 % lot occupancy, and the 50% impervious surface rule, as well as the tree restrictions. Thank you for your help on these problems.

Sincerely yours,



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Exhibit 302

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