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Alberto P. Bastida, AICP
Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

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

Dear Mr. Bastida:

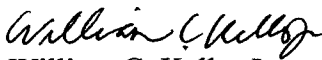
As residents of Forest Hills, we would like to express our overall support for the canopy approach that will be the subject of the Board of Zoning Commission's hearing on July 22, 2004. We strongly believe that the canopy approach is far preferable to the Tree and Slope Overlay that has been in place for the past two years.

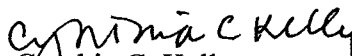
We particularly appreciate the hard and careful work done by the Office of Planning in developing an approach that reflects what has worked in other jurisdictions, focuses on tree canopy rather than back-door zoning changes, and is more effectively integrated into the District of Columbia's governmental approval processes. We commend the Office of Planning for taking seriously its responsibility to take into account the function of the canopy approach in the overall DC planning and permitting process.

In all these respects, the canopy approach is superior to the Tree and Slope Overlay now in effect. We urge the Commission to repeal the Overlay and replace it with the canopy proposal.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,


William C. Kelly, Jr.


Cynthia C. Kelly

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