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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Case No. 02-19 (Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay)

Dear Chairman Mitten,

I write in support of the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay that has been in effect since October 2002. The Forest Hills Overlay is not only consistent with, but mandated by, the provisions of the Ward 3 Comprehensive Plan.

Section 1403.4 of the Plan specifically states that the government should "Map the Tree and Slope Protection overlay (11 DCMR §1511) throughout the ward in addition to the Woodland-Normanstone, particularly in areas adjacent to federal park lands."

Section 1409.4 (b) (2) concludes that in addition to R-1 zoning requirements, areas such as Forest Hills require additional land use controls given their low density and park-like setting. That section reads, "This Tree & Slope Protection overlay should be considered and adopted for...park-like, hilly areas such as the Potomac palisades and portions of the Forest Hills and Barnaby Woods neighborhoods adjacent to Rock Creek Park and its tributary valleys."

I therefore strongly urge the Commission to fulfill the mandate of the Ward 3 Plan and approve the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay.

Sincerely,

David A. Catania
Councilmember, At-Large

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