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Mr Alberto P. Bastida, AICP
Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210
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Re: Case No 02-19 (Text Amendment - Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay District)

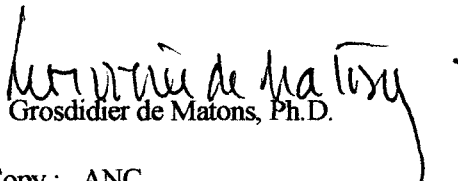
Dear Mr Bastida,

As a 33-year resident of Forest Hills, my attention was brought to the issue of Forest Hills Trees and Slope Overlay as a additional effort by D.C. to maintain the tree canopy in the District. And, indeed, I witnessed with satisfaction the recent planting of young trees along the streets of the Forest Hills area.

I concur strongly with any initiative or issuing of regulations that would limit the loss of Forest Hill - and generally of the District's - tree canopy and that would curtail harmful run-off by limiting the development of impermeable surfaces, driveways of excessive dimensions, parking lots and the same. I find it significant, as an amateur bird-watcher, that the bird population of the District is declining and that species that were common twenty years ago have become rare sights. This may indicate a deterioration of the environment for birds: less hospitable trees, less insects because of loss of habitat, etc.

Establishment of the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay District has therefore my support and I would urge the Commission to approve it.

Sincerely yours, with thanks,


J. Grosdidier de Matons, Ph.D.

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