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Task Force on Zoning

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Re: Case No. 02-35

Ms. Carol Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission
District of Columbia
441 4th St. NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 2001

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DC OFFICE OF ZONING

Dear Ms. Mitten:

Before the Zoning Commission reaches a final decision in Case No. 02-35, as Chairman of the ANC3D Task Force on Zoning, I would like to offer an editorial suggestion on where to incorporate within the DCMR the provision proposed by the Office of Planning dealing with height measurements on structures fronting on an elevated a bridge or overpass.

The proposal of the Office of Planning is to incorporate the new language dealing with the issue of height of structures facing bridges or overpasses into the general language of section 199.1, which covers measurement of building height for private residences.

It seems to our task force that to incorporate a narrowly applicable special provision dealing with bridges and overpasses into the general language dealing with building heights, particularly for private residences, will greatly complicate our mutual task as we seek to clarify the ambiguous language in section 199.1 dealing with measurement of building heights. Therefore, we would respectfully suggest that the language proposed by the Office of Planning dealing with structures fronting on a bridge or overpass be made a separate subsection of 199.1, leaving the language in 199.1 intact for future revision.

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On behalf of our task force and Mr. Finney, the Chair of ANC3D, I wish to express our regrets over our misunderstanding about the scope of the March 17th hearing and our consequent inability to present our full views on the measurement of building heights in residential areas, especially in R1A and R1B zones. We are encouraged, however, by your assurance that the Zoning Commission will consider the general problem of measuring the permissible height of private residences and we look forward to appearing before your commission in the near future to present our recommendations that were stated in a memorandum sent your commission on Dec. 3, 2002 by ANC3D.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Aiches, Chair
ANC3D Task Force on Zoning

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