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Map Amendment from R-5-D to C-2-C at 2425 L Street, NW
Consolidated Approval of a Planned Unit Development
July 10, 2003

Good evening Madam Chair and Members of the Commission --

My name is Barbara Spillinger and I am here tonight as vice president of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA), a citizen organization representing local residents of the Foggy Bottom/West End portion of the city in which the subject property is located.

I wish to confirm as stated in our letter of May 15, 2003 to the Zoning Commission that the Foggy Bottom Association strongly and enthusiastically supports the proposed application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Zoning Map Amendment for the former Columbia Hospital for Women.

FBA and the developer have worked together from the beginning on this project and we have found the developer especially sensitive to community priorities, such as the desperate need for community-friendly retail, further increments in the number of permanent tax-paying residents in the Foggy Bottom area (the developer has stated its goal of an 80% owner-occupied building), and the restoration and preservation of the original 1915-1916 hospital building.

As Professor Sol Shalit, a resident of Foggy Bottom and member of the FBA Board so succinctly said in his December 18, 2002 letter to the Historic Preservation Review Board in support of this project, "The new development would bring into our community quality residential housing and retail -- both in dire need -- and would spark its revitalization."

At the same time, I would like to thank the Office of Planning (OP), and in particular Ellen McCarthy, for the careful examination and thorough analysis given this project and for the excellent report submitted by OP for your review.

This project not only is consistent with the principles and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, which declares as its first precept the importance of stability for residential neighborhoods, it is in keeping with the pronounced objective of the Mayor to increase the permanent residential base of the District by 100,000 persons.

The FBA heartily endorses this project and encourages the Commission to do the same. Thank you.

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