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Councilmember-Ward Eight

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Executive Director
District of Columbia Housing Authority
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Re: Arthur Capper/Carrollsburg HOPE VI Project

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I am writing to inquire why the Arthur Capper/Carrollsburg Hope VI project has been expanded to include the demolition of approximately 20 privately owned homes. It was my understanding that no homeowners were to be affected by this development. The original plan put forth by the Office of Planning indicated that the private homes were to be left intact.

When the plans were discussed with the ANC's and other community groups they were told that "the existing strings of row houses, would remain because many were home ownership units, and the diversity and history of these housing units was important to the neighborhood. They never discussed the demolition of these 20 properties. When were the plans altered to include privately owned homes? Why are these turn of the century structures so important when there will be 1645 new housing units?

Although this project is not in my Ward, I am concerned about the demolition of these privately owned properties especially after these District residents have purchased and renovated homes only to have them taken. The development of this property should not be at the expense of our long standing residents. I urge you to reconsider the acquisition of these properties. Please contact David Anthony, my chief of staff on (202) 724-8045 should you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandra C. "Sandy" Allen

cc: Jerrily R. Kress, Director, District of Columbia Office of Zoning

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