Carrollsburg Resident Council

411 L St. SE Suite 11
Washington, DC 20003

July 22, 2003

Subject: Support for the HOPE VI Zoning Application

Dear District of Columbia Zoning Board Commissioners:

Carrollsburg Resident Council represents the low-income residents of the District of Columbia Housing Authority's Carrollsburg Family Dwellings. The Capper Carrollsburg HOPE VI Revitalization Project will have a direct and lasting impact on all the families currently living here. As planned, the HOPE VI at Capper Carrollsburg will permanently move many of the residents to neighborhoods throughout metropolitan Washington. Some will be forced into homelessness and homeless shelters, others into overcrowded housing. In the best scenario, relocated families will see major improvement in their housing situations. We fear the worst but pray for the best.

Although there is a clear need for public housing as a last resort for those least able to fare for themselves in the housing marketplace, economic powers and policymakers through enactment of the HOPE VI revitalization strategy see a need for the dismantling of public housing. Perhaps, War has been declared on the inner-city's poor citizens.

Yet, throughout the advance planning stages of this revitalization project, Carrollsburg residents have been told that positive outcomes can be achieved. These include: jobs for residents, business opportunities for residents, subsidized rental housing or new homeownership opportunity for residents desiring to return to the new community. Surely, if these promises hold true, we support the HOPE VI zoning application.

Sincerely,

Martha Queen

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Vice-President

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