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Carol J. Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, NW — Suite 220 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Z.C. Case Nos. 03-12 and 03-13: Planned Unit Development: Arthur Capper/Carrollsburg HOPE VI Project

Dear Ms. Mitten and Members of the Commission:

I am writing to express my concern regarding an aspect of the proposed planned unit development ("PUD") for the Arthur Capper/Carrollsburg Hope VI project, which is currently before the Zoning Commission. It has come to my attention that five turn-of-the-century townhouses located at 301, 303, 305, 307, and 309 K Street, SE, are to be demolished under the proposed preliminary PUD. Given the recent and planned investments in some of these properties, their inclusion in the PUD would send the wrong signal to private investors about whether it is prudent and profitable to invest in the District. In addition, given the large size of the proposed PUD — over 900,000 square feet of land area — the inclusion of these five properties seems unnecessary. Finally, their demolition would be particularly unfortunate because the Capitol Hill Restoration Society has stated that the townhouses "have merit as historic structures".

As a member of the D.C. Council and a homeowner on Capitol Hill, I urge you to carefully review this aspect of the proposed PUD and ensure that these privately owned homes are not negatively affected.

Sincerely,

Harold Brazil

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