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Carol J. Mitten, Chairman
Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia
Suite 210 South, 441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

**ZC Case No. 04-20**
**Howard University**

Dear Chairman Mitten:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 5, 2004 (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of nine of eleven members was present) ANC1B voted unanimous (9-0-0) approval of the application of Howard University for special exception allowing interim use of the property located at 1840 7th Street NW for grants management offices, and for reduction in required parking in an R-4 district. The applicant has stated to the Commission that they believe the underlying R-4 zoning to be inappropriate for the building and the neighborhood, and the Commission is inclined to agree. The applicant stated to the Commission that they would seek a change in the zoning to better match the property and surrounding neighborhood, however, the process of applying for and making these changes is lengthy. Rather than allow the property to remain vacant in the interim period the applicant has requested a special exception to allow interim use that should be a positive benefit to the surrounding neighborhood. The Commission would prefer to see an acceptable interim use rather than a continued period of vacancy which will not benefit the neighboring community. ANC1B has designated in a unanimous (9-0-0) vote to authorize Commissioner Lawrence Guyot Jr. to represent the position of ANC1B before the Zoning Commission in this case. ANC1B enthusiastically supports Howard University's application for special exception in ZC 04-20, and requests that the Zoning Commission accord great weight to our endorsement of this interim use.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Thomas, Chairperson

Philip C. Spalding, Secretary
Box 73710, Washington, DC 20056

CC: Howard University
LeDroit Park Civic Association
Councilmember Jim Graham

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