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Zoning Commission
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Dear Ms. Mitten,

This letter is in response to the letter received by your office January 6, 2006 from Judi Jones ANC 4B07 in reference to case 05-30, 6000 New Hampshire Ave. NE.

I am Commissioner Cherita Whiting Chair of 4B ANC Commission and let me first state that along with myself the other commissioners of 4B were horrified to find out that Judi Jones HAS AGAIN as the former Chair sent a letter to the Zoning board WITHOUT our consent or permission, and for personal reasons only.

We the commissioners are NOW in receipt of a letter sent to your office that implied we (the commissioners) and several others including the residents were "cc" on this letter when in fact we were not. I had to call Councilmember Fenty's office to verify that he as well DID NOT receive this same letter.

It was faxed to me and I have shared this with those who it has stated received copies. The 4B commission does not and will not operate in such a fashion as to continue to have to play catch-up with personal letters Judi Jones sends misrepresenting our community.

She has stated that she is speaking for the Lamond & 4B07 residents when in fact, the Lamond Action group which are all her residents in 4B07 have already prepared a letter of support for The West Group. Residents were not given the proper information by Commissioner Jones which stated confusion 1 year ago community meeting had already started. I will admit I am only in my second year as a commissioner, 1st year as Vice Chair and now the current Chair but I do and did have a clear understanding from the very first meeting I attended. The only key item residents were not in agreement with was the number of single family homes verses town homes. This was voted on in 2 separate meetings until there was a unanimous vote and EVERYONE in attendance agreed upon the current number of single family homes.

The affected ANC never shared with the residents from meetings that started in 2004 that there would be a zoning change because she didn't have a complete understanding herself. Which would have only required seeking help to understand.

Where in the January 6th letter it states the community wanted to demolish the existing buildings this is not true the affected ANC requested this, the community requested they stay. When the affected ANC commissioner saw this was not going to change she then demanded that one of the buildings be a senior building.

Where it is also stated in the same letter that the West Group insisted on a homeowners fee this is not true, the West Group Proposed this to the residents and all of the residents were in favor of the homeowners association. Where in the January 6th letter it states "the community adamantly opposed this", there was one person in the entire meeting who opposed this, Judi Jones. One remark is correct that is when Judi Jones broke down negotiations with the West Group or any residents or other commissioners who were in favor of the development

There are residents who are not in favor of this development but in all fairness it has to be said that some and only some are not in favor because of the untruthful answers they have received from Judi Jones telling them that not only will the development zoning change but so will their existing zoning in the homes they currently live in. Please understand that we have several seniors in our community who may not have ever dealt with a zoning issue before and this leaves room for the confusion.

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The West Group moving among other community groups were what was decided since other residents such as my residents who live directly in front of the property on the side of the property may very well be the most affected by the noise, etc.

In a statement made by Judi Jones in this same letter she states that she has not talked with the developers since her SMD meeting in October which is not true. I have several emails when she made demands on what she saw fit as to what the West Group should offer to the community and she even sent the emails out!

The excerpt Judi Jones had provided you with are just what "she interprets them to be", reason being the West Group did not appear at our October meeting, they were invited and part of the agenda put together by the majority of commissioners. This was done in part since commissioners who are not fully aware of this development had been asking for them to be put on the agenda but as the chair at that time Judi Jones would not.

So the commissioner wanted to know what was going on and "we" invited them. Even though they couldn't get a complete statement out before they were interrupted by ANC Jones every other word.

The West Groups community benefits package included benefits for not only 4B07 but other surrounding residents as well.

Lamond Rec 4B07

Riggs LaSalle Rec 4B08 & 09

Lamond Youth Program 4B07

Lamond Riggs Athletic Assn 4B08 & 09

LaSalle 4B08 & 09

Whittier 4B03

Coolidge 4B03

The feedback you are receiving is from one person not from all and that is that the funding should not go to others in 4B.

We the commission of 4B ask that you allow your decision to be based on the vote the entire ANC will be able to take now that the West Group will be invited to a meeting where they will be allowed to speak and field commissioner questions in a public setting.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cherita Whiting Chair 4B ANC