



FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM

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Mr. Eric Price  
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Re: New York Avenue/Arboretum PUD, Zoning Commission Case No. 06-15

Dear Eric:

The Friends of the National Arboretum is excited to have an ally in our mission to raise awareness and interest in the US National Arboretum. The commitment that Abdo Development has made to FONA will go a long way in helping us to achieve our goals. Our major community outreach program is the Washington Youth Garden. That program works with neighborhood children and their families in the spring, summer and fall using the garden to teach environmental stewardship, good nutrition, cooking and healthy lifestyles; in the winter the educators go to the public schools in the neighborhood to teach garden science and food education program. The commitment to provide a truck, construct a kitchen and classroom and to build a greenhouse in the Youth Garden will allow them to bring children into the garden throughout the year.

In addition we acknowledge a donation of \$35,000 to the Friends of the National Arboretum. This donation includes \$10,000 for a special education project at Langdon Elementary School. This contribution along with an earlier contribution of \$5,000 will allow us to continue our efforts to support the programs here at the National Arboretum.

The Arboretum is 446 acres of green space with nine miles of trails and roads. The gardens are varied and beautiful and the curators are available to offer advice. The community outside the Arboretum's gates benefits greatly from its proximity to this living museum. With an influx of new residents and shoppers nearby, we hope to increase visitorship and interest in the Arboretum

The proposed project stands to substantially change the neighborhood for the better, especially for the residents who already live here. The project will eliminate the unattractive uses already on the project site, such as junkyards, strip clubs and vacant fast food restaurants and it will replace them with much-needed housing and shopping. The addition of thousands of new residents and shoppers to the area will raise the economic conditions of the community and will give the neighborhood many new options to improve residents' daily lives. This new project will greatly enhance the look and feel of the neighborhood, and it will create a place where residents will want to spend time. In sum, the project will

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strengthen the community in almost every regard. We welcome new neighbors and hope they will take good advantage of this incredible green space in our community in northeast Washington, DC.

We understand that these amenities are conditioned on the approval of the PUD. We also understand that the contributions will not be made if the Applicant does not pursue a building permit for the project.

It is with pleasure that we support this project, and we look forward to all that it will bring to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William B. Inglee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Inglee" clearly legible.

William B. Inglee  
Chairman of the Board

cc: Carol Mitten, Chair, D.C. Zoning Commission, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 210 South,  
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