

West End Citizens Association
Washington, D.C.

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November 4, 2008

Ms. Jerrily Kress
Director, Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W. - Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

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Re: Request for Party Status - Zoning Commission Case No. 08-19 (Zoning Map Amendment – Square 101, Lot 74, The HSC Foundation)

Dear Ms. Kress:

This letter requests "Party" status for the West End Citizens Association (WECA), of which I am President, for Zoning Commission Case No. 08-19 to be heard on December 18, 2008 (Zoning Map Amendment – Square 101, Lot 74, The HSC Foundation).

The WECA, founded in the 1890's and one of the oldest citizen associations in DC, is the principal community organization in the Foggy Bottom-West End area East of 23rd Street. It is primarily interested in maintaining the quality of life for the existing residential community in Foggy Bottom-West End.

The Zoning Commission's Notice of Public Hearing requested the following information from persons requesting Party status:

- (a) The person's name and address: West End Citizens Association, P.O. Box 58098, Washington, DC 20037-8098.
- (b) A request to appear and participate as a party: this letter constitutes a request for Party status.
- (c) Whether the person will appear as a proponent or opponent of the application: opponent.
- (d) Whether the person will appear through legal counsel, and, if so, the name and address of legal counsel: none.
- (e) A list of witnesses who will testify on the person's behalf: WECA Board Members Barbara Kahlow and Sara Maddux.
- (f) A written statement setting forth why the person should be granted party status, including reference to the following:
 - (1) The property owned or occupied by the person, or in which the person has an interest that will be affected by the action requested of the Commission: the WECA includes

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(2) The legal interest the person has in such property, such as owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee: the WECA has many owners and tenants with a legal interest in the subject property.

(3) The distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission: the subject property lies within the WECA's boundaries.

(4) The environmental, economic, social, or other impacts likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Commission is approved or denied: The proposed Map Amendment could adversely affect property values and the quality of life of community residents, such as reduced on-street parking, increased traffic, and less residential use in the Foggy Bottom-West End area.

(5) An explanation of how the person's interest as identified in response to paragraph (4) would likely be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than those of other persons in the general public: WECA Members' could have property values negatively affected and adverse quality of life impacts. The bottom line is that WECA Members' interests will be more significantly, distinctively, and uniquely affected.

The Notice of Public Hearing requested the following additional information:

1. A summary of the testimony of each witness: The WECA will object to the precedence of the proposed Map Amendment (a proposed upzoning from R-5-D to C-3-C) off a major Avenue in Foggy Bottom-West End and the possible adverse effects such a precedence could have on the remaining fragile community, especially in terms of density (from 3.5 FAR to 6.5 FAR) and use (from 100% residential use to 100% commercial use). In fact, the property is across a narrow pedestrian alley from 100% residential use. In addition, the WECA will discuss the historic changes in the fabric of the immediate neighborhood.
2. An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any experts will be offered, and the resumes of qualifications of the property experts: none.
3. The total amount of time being requested to present the case: 15 minutes

If any additional information is needed, Barbara Kahlow can be reached during the day on (202) 965-1083.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Batham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "J" and "B".

John C. Batham
President