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1876 Historic Synagogue Site:
A project of Save America's Treasures
701 Third Street, N.W. (corner of 3rd & G)

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November 11, 2010

D.C. Zoning Commission
Suite 210
441 4th Street, N.W.
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Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 08-34
Return to L'Enfant
Planned Unit Development and Zoning Map Amendment

Dear Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington (Society), I am writing to express the Society's support for the above-referenced PUD and map amendment applications. The Society leases from the District of Columbia land at 701 3rd Street, N.W., which is the home of the Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum and is also known as the Adas Israel Synagogue, a historic landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the D.C. Inventory of Historic Sites. The building was moved in 1969 from its original location at 6th and G Streets to the present site.

The Society submitted a letter to the Zoning Commission on July 15, 2010, supporting the Zoning Commission's set down of this case for hearing consideration. Since that time, the Society has continued to work with the Applicant. By this letter, the Society continues to express its strong support for the proposed PUD, including the relocation of the historic Synagogue, at first to a mutually agreed upon off-site location and then ultimately to the southeast corner of 3rd and F Streets as part of the South Block of the PUD. We are also very supportive of the move to the new site, and of the proposed construction of new space adjacent to the Synagogue to house a new museum, educational spaces, archives and administrative offices, all of which will significantly enhance the Society's ability to carry out its mission and activities. The granting of fee simple ownership of the ground at the new site, and the funding for expanded facilities being provided by the Applicant will constitute a major public benefit of the PUD, and a wonderful amenity for the neighborhood, complementing nearby cultural attractions.

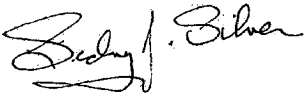
Not only are these direct benefits to the Society from this PUD, but the overall project will serve to reconnect the physically divided neighborhood and enhance the overall area by providing much needed street level activity around the

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new museum. Accordingly, the Society recommends that the Zoning Commission approve the above-referenced applications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sidney J. Silver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

Sidney J. Silver
President