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Anthony Hood Chairperson, D.C. Zoning Commission 441 Fourth Street, N.W. Second Floor Washington, DC 20001 2000 SEP 26 PM 4: 25

RE: EYA, LLC and the Missionary Society of Saint Paul the Apostle: Saint Paul's PUD Application Hearing (Z.C. Case 07-27)

Dear Chairperson Hood,

At 3:30pm on Friday September 26th, 2008, I reviewed the case folder within the Zoning Commission's office. Upon reviewing the folder, I noticed that the applicant had submitted an updated amenities package. The details of the cover letter state that the package was submitted on September 25th, 2008 and it also stated that as the representative for the community, I received a copy. I did not receive a copy on September 25th, 2008 and as of September 26th, 2008 at 4:00pm; I can not confirm receiving the package. The package includes changes that consisted of increased level of funding to various items such as the collegiate scholarship and the small business support. I also noticed that the applicant submitted a request to raise the number of units that would be included as "affordable dwelling units". According to the applicant, the increased value of these items would be approximately \$750,000.

As the representative for the community, I was never approached or contacted by the applicant about any of their alterations to the amenities package. This package that was submitted by the applicant was never presented before ANC 5C or the constituents in the immediate community impacted by the development proposal. The conclusion of the package submitted can be interpreted as the applicant stating that there was a discussion or debate between their amendments and the amendments submitted by me on behalf of the community. I am clearly stating that this is not the case. The citizens who regularly attend meetings about this matter were never contacted about these amendments. Although the value of the applicant's amendments contain a higher value, it is not appropriate that these changes are being submitted without the community representative being consulted or the community being notified.

Up until this point, I feel that the relationship between the applicant and the community has gone fairly well. But, I find it extremely amazing that when the community asked for a higher value in the amenities package, the applicant stressed that the development business was in a crisis and that they'd reached their limit in terms of financial contributions to the community. It was also requested that the affordable housing units be raised beyond the original number of twenty-four. This request was also denied with the reasoning being the economy and the idea that the 24 units fit the requirements of the District of Columbia. The citizens wanted to see more affordable housing in the beginning of the process so that the base 10% could be open to all citizens of the District of Columbia and that the additional units could be used as a lottery for citizens within the immediate area. Of course, this would have to comply with FHA rules and regulations. However, it was stated constantly that the level could not be raised.

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This amended package submitted by the applicant appears to be increased at a higher level than the amendments submitted by me but, I have had no time to address the community that I represent on these items. I would strongly suggest that the Zoning Commission take this into consideration prior to accepting or even acknowledging any of these amendments submitted by the applicant. As I mentioned in my testimony, there have been some loose items that have to be connected. This is yet another one item to add to that list.

I am happy to know that the applicant has somehow found a way to increase the value of the package, but if there is \$750,000 in increased value being submitted by the applicant for a community amenities package, please show courtesy and allow the community to have the information presented to them.

Sincerely,

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