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**RE: ZC 02-17 (Stonebridge Associates)**

Attached are two letters describing an incident involving one of the applicants in ZC 02-17, the owners of the Washington Clinic property, 5401 Western Avenue Associates, LLP.

On 09-10-02, two women were confronted by one of my neighbors, Marilyn Simon, as they were removing posters displayed on public space, several in their hands. These posters had been placed by a neighborhood organization opposing ZC 02-17, and announced the ANC meeting at which this development proposal was to be discussed and possibly voted upon by the ANC commissioners.

When questioned, these two women said that "the doctors" told them to remove the signs, and they went into the Washington Clinic.

I accompanied my neighbor, Ms. Simon, and we also went into the Washington Clinic, where two Clinic employees said that this was indeed the case. They wrote down for me the name and phone number of the doctor who had directed that this be done, the president of the Washington Clinic: Dr. Widerlite, 202-244-9270.



Hazel F. Rebold  
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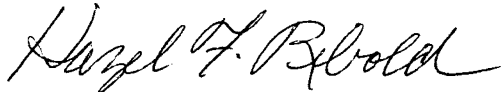
Ms. Jill Diskan  
Chair ANC 3E  
5315 43<sup>rd</sup> St., NW  
Washington, DC 20015

Dear Jill,

I received a copy of a letter sent to you by Dr. Lawrence Widerlite, of the Washington Clinic, a copy of which is attached.

I want to state that Dr Widerlite was named by two employees of the Washington Clinic, to me and to Marilyn Simon, as the person who had ordered that the posters be removed.

Incidentally, the claim that "We have apologized to Ms. Hazel Rebold on the phone yesterday" is not true.



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Cc:  
Washington Clinic  
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September 12, 2002

Ms. Jill Diskan  
Chair ANC 3E  
5315 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW  
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Dear Ms. Diskan:

On behalf of the Washington Clinic, please accept our apology for the actions Tuesday regarding the removal of the signs immediately adjacent to our building related to your meeting this evening to discuss the re-development of 5401 Western Avenue. Our employees removed several signs feeling that this posting was not appropriate. Upon learning of the removal, we immediately had the signs returned to their location. We realize this was an inappropriate act and are sorry for any inconvenience or concern that we may have caused by this action. We have apologized to Ms. Hazel Rebold on the phone yesterday and offer our apology to FhORD and the balance of the community.

We have been part of this community for 50 years literally serving generations of area residents. Unfortunately, the dramatic changes in the medical industry over the past decade will not allow us to continue our practice of medicine in the past. Therefore, we have had to pursue the sale of our building. We are pleased that the proposed development plan is for a residential project with a day care center. We understand there is a significant difference of opinion among those in the neighborhood – both supporters and opponents. We respect the neighborhood and the importance of the process through ANC 3E upon which decisions are made. We hope you will accept our apology.

Please feel free to call me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Very truly yours,  
The Washington Clinic, Chartered

Lawrence W. Widerlite, M.D.  
President

Cc: Friendship Heights Organization for Responsible Development  
Stonebridge Associates