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Ms. Carol J. Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission
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Dear Ms. Mitten,

This letter is in response to the letter received by your office July 5, 2006 from Judi Jones ANC 4B07 in reference to case 05-30, 6000 New Hampshire Ave. NE.

I am Commissioner Cherita Whiting, Chair of 4B ANC Commission. The ANC 4B Commission has not designated Commissioner Judi Jones to represent ANC 4B at the zoning hearing on this matter and if the commission does not pass a vote the chair represents to any government agencies.

Regarding the other matters contained in the letter to you from Judi Jones, it misrepresents the facts and the perspectives of our community. The West Group has met many times with the entire community, including the residents of ANC 4B07, 4B08 and 4B09 and has come to every meeting where they were invited. In my history of serving on the ANC, this group has done more to communicate with the community and involve the community's issues in their plans than any other developer has. While there are some residents who are not in favor of this development as they are entitled not to be, in all fairness it has to be said that The West Group has tried to involve every affected person in this process.

The West Group has been sent in many directions by different community groups wanting what they want. However, to be clear about it, during the process, there have been 2 community-wide meetings in which votes were actually taken on this development. The first being in April of 2005 where Council member Fenty facilitated the meeting and called for a vote. A vote was taken and the vote was to "support" the development. The second meeting was held in July 2005 and was facilitated by myself, and this vote was 100% in support of the development. Some of my residents, Citizens Aware, are now opposed to the project, but some of my residents, South Manor, are in favor of the project. Judi Jones has stated that she is speaking for the entire 4B07 residents when in fact, the Lamond Community Action Group which are all her residents in 4B07 have already prepared a letter of support for The West Group and are in favor of the project.

The ANC 4B Commission vote of 5-0-4 on this project was based on the fact that DC agency reports were not provided to the Commission to base the final decisions and this is why we requested a delay in this hearing, also this is what the community stated to us as to how can they feel comfortable saying they are in support of this and the final reports from the agencies have not been viewed by the entire community. Judi's letter expresses her personal opinions and not those of the ANC 4B Commission her letter was written by her...for her, not by her for the commission. The vote expresses that as well or it would have been a 9-0 vote. Each commissioner and any citizen will be afforded the time to speak and make their thoughts known. We must remember that the development should be inclusive and not exclusive. Providing a mixed unit development means "ALL" may become owners and not be limited to being renters.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Cherita Whiting Chair 4B ANC

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