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Mr. Tersh Boasberg, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
801 North Capitol Street, NE
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Re: 525 9th Street, NE, Square 939, Lot 808 (a former police station) and 1341 Maryland Avenue, NE, Square 1028, Lot 0830 (Old Engine House 10)

Mr. Boasberg,

At our regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on September 10, 2009, our Commission voted unanimously to support the concepts and conversions for 525 9th Street, NE, Square 939, Lot 808 (a former police station) and 1341 Maryland Avenue, NE, Square 1028, Lot 0830 (Old Engine House 10).

Our Commission only had one issue that was not included in the concept plans that we would ask the Historic Preservation Review Board to consider including in the concept plans. Our Commission requests that both curb cuts for these properties be removed as the concept plans do not call for their use. Returning this curb space to the community for street parking would be the appropriate outcome versus retaining curb cuts that will not be used.

Our community has worked towards the goal for over three years. We appreciated the opportunity to support the plans of the Argos Group. The Argos Group has exceeded our expectations in terms of community engagement and they should be used as an example of how to work with ANCs. We look forward to swift adoption of the concepts in order to finally turn these abandoned building into housing.

On behalf of the Commission,

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