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October 14, 2008

Ms. Catrina Felder, Secretary  
Public Space Committee  
Department of Transportation  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
941 North Capitol Street NE, 20002

RE: ANC 6A opposes public space permit for 1400 Maryland Ave NE.

Dear Ms. Felder,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on October 9, 2008, our Commission voted unanimously to oppose 1400 MD Ave Ltd Empire Leasing Inc's application for a public space permit for 1400 Maryland Ave NE.

Our Commission believes that the Public Space Committee should deny this application because:

1. The request is unprecedented in its size and scope;
2. The public harm resulting from the use of public space for a gas station greatly outweighs the public benefit;
3. Granting this public space request will set a dangerous precedent that private landowners are able to use extensive parcels public space solely because it aids their business;
4. Granting this public space application will violate the 2007 comprehensive plan;
5. The application violates Public Space Regulations and DDOT policies; and
6. The applicant has been cited for public space violations at the site and that the site's poor upkeep has lead to two condemnation proceedings against owner of the property.

Please be advised that Commissioner William Schultheiss, Dr, Terres (Drew) Ronneberg, and Mr. Omar Mahmud are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposed of this case. Commissioner Schultheiss can be reached at [schlthss@yahoo.com](mailto:schlthss@yahoo.com) or (202) 543-5003.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A