PETITION OR ZONING RE-CLASSIFICATION AND/OR SPECIAL EXCEPTION 22.218-64

O THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

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I, or w., agree to pay expenses of above re-classification and/or Special Exception advertising parting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the sousing buildings of the prescribe and participations of Relitinger County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Relitinger

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ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this... 6.26. day of July Called ... 197.3. that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Daw of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation through the County, their property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106. County Office Balliding in Townson, Baltimore

y, at the 15th day of Narroh 1973, at 1890, o'clock

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LEGAL ARGUMENTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST FOR ZONING RECLASSIFICATION

When the original area of the subject property was zoned, it was agricultural land located on county roads. It was then classified as suitable for single family residences. This classification was continued up to the present time although the area has changed, and it is now semi-commercial.

On the east of the property is a proposed shopping center. On the south side of Liberty Road the property is zoned for manufacturing. With the Changes in the area, it is no longer suitable for residence of single family homes. For this reason and for other reasons to be submitted at the Hearing, this request is made to change the classification from DR 3.5 to DR 16 with a special expension for professional offices.

Maryland law as promulgated by Statute, Court of Appeals decisions and Baltimore County law and the rules and regulations of the Zoning Commission allow a reclassification under these circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald L. Maher
1000 Maryland Trust Bldg.
Baltimore, Maryland 2121

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RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION from D.R. 3,5 to D.R. 16, and SPECIAL EXCEPTION for Office Building NE/S of Liberty Road 620' SE of Tiverton Road

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EXCEPTION for
Building
Liberty Road 620': OF

Sela E. Cole, et ux,

: OF
: BALTIMORE COUNTY
: No. 73-218-RX

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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Petition of Sela E. Cole, et vx, for reclassification from D.R. 3.5 to D.R. 16, and special exception for a. Office Building, on property located on the northeast side of Liberty Road, 620 feet southeast of Tiverton Road, in the Second Election District or Baltimore County.

WHEREAS, in open hearing before the Board of Appeals on March 21, 1974, and prior to the taking of any testimony, the attorney for the petitioners-appellant. dismissed the appeal taken on behalf of the petitioners-appellants in the above entitled matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, this $2/s^{7}$ day of March, 1974, that said appeal be and the same is DISMISSED.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION NE/S of Liberty Road, 620 feet SE of Tiverton Road - 2nd District Sela E. Cole. et u. Patitioners

BEFORE THE
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This Petition represents a request for a Reclassification from a D.R. 3.5 Zone to a D.R. 16 Zone and a Special Exception for professional

The site, in question, is situated on the northeast side of Liberty Road, six hundred and twenty (620) feet southeast of Tiverton Road, in the Second Election District of Baltimore County, also known as Lot 1, Plat A, Section 1 of the subdivision of Bermont, and represents one (1) of a minority of lots, within the overall subdivision, that has frontage directly on Liberty Road.

A great deal of testimony was presented with regard to the congested traffic situation of Liberty Road and the zoning that surrounds the subject property. The Petitioners, Mr. ard Mrs. Sela E. Cole, lived on the premises for approximately twelve (12) years before moving to a less congested area. The property has since been offered for sale, as a residence, for over one (1) year without receiving any offers. However, several inquiries, for use of the property as an office facility, were made during that time. The properties to the west and north are zoned D.R. 3.5 and are improved with residential dwellings. The property immediately adjoining, on the east, is zoned Business Local and is proposed to be improved with the Crossroads Shopping Center. The property to the south, on the opposite side of Liberty Road, is zoned M.L.R., Manufacturing Light, Restricted, and is the subject of a Reclassification Petition requesting D.R. 16 zoning.

offices located within the communities would be an asset rather than a detriment and, as such, should not be detrimental to the health, safety, and seneral welfare of the area.

Insofar as the Reclassification is concerned, it would appear reasonable to conclude that the Planning Board would not recommend a specific change in the map, which is prepared by their staff and adopted by them, unless they were thoroughly convinced that an error had been made in the zoning designated for the subject property. The reasons given by the Planning Board, in arriving at their decision, are reasonable and sound and, as such, cannot be set aside. Insofar as additional growth or building in the Liberty Road corrider is concerned, the Petitioners are not requesting a new building or even an addition to the existing structure. They are only seeking a change in the use of the structure. Close scrutiny of the Petitioners' site reveals that they could not raze the existing structure and construct a new one without the aid of Variances, which they have not requested. The D. R. 16 Zone requires setbacks of seventy-five (75) feet from all property lines, which would usurp one hundred fifty (150) feet of the one hundred fifty (150) by one hundred thirty-nine (139) foot lot.

With regard to the domino effect of zoning changes referred to by the Protestants, it is the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner that correction of errors in the zoning maps, such as in this case, are not and should not be considered as genuine changes that lead t, yet acditional changes. It is entirely possible that genuine changes in conditions could take place over short period of time, however, this is not the general rule. To date, very lew. if any, changes in the 1971 Comprehensive Zoning Maps have been granted on this basis. It is improtant to note that the zoning law requires that County-wide Comprehensive Zoning Maps be adopted anew in 1976, and every four (4) years thereafter, with a moratorium on zoning reclassification during the last year. Under this system, changes on maps can accumulate only for a period of three (3) years and should be less likely to represent

Public water and sewer are available to the site and, in general, the County agencies, who reviewed the Petition, had no adverse comments to offer with regard to their plans or proposed use of the site. The Department of Traffic Engineering commented as follows:

"The subject petition is requesting a zoning reclassification from DR 3.5 to DR 16, with a special exception for an office building. Because of the small size of the property, no major increase in traffic is expected from this site.

But, it must be pointed out that Liberty Road has severe traffic problems and is in an area of numerous complaints from the citizens to this department."

The Baltimore County Planning Board recommendations with regard to the Petitioner's request for a Reclassification and Special Exception state in part:

".... Because of its proximity to existing commercially and industrially zoned land, the Planning Board feels that an office use would be appropriate here. Approximately 15 acres of land zoned B. L. -G. N. S. abuts the east side of this property, the site of the proposed Crossroads Shopping Center. Tae Training the property of the property of the control of the property of the control of the c

It is therefore recommended that D.R. 16 zoning be granted."

Several members of the Greater Randallstown Community Council, which is comprised of eleven (11) separate community associations situated between the Liberty Reservoir and Old Court Road, appeared in protest to the Petitioners' requested Reclassification and Special Exception. They are provided in the Randallstown area are spointed out that office space could be provided in the proposed adjoining subspiring centers as well as other snopping centers that are proposed in the area. They presented evidence that the Old Court Professional Building, located approximately three (3) miles east of the subject property, was at that time leasing office space. They felt that it should not be necessary for the Cole property to zerve as a buffer between the commercial and other

genuine changes in conditions. In past years, prior to 1971, changes took place on the same map? for twenty (20) or more years, and it was during this time that the domino effect of zoning changes reached its height in Baitimore County.

In view of these reasons, testimony, evidence and a personal on site inspection of the subject property and surrounding area, it is the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner that the Petitioners have met the burden of proving error, as well as meeting the requirements of Section 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and that the requested Reclassification and Special Exception, with certain restrictions, can be granted without being detrimental to the health, sufety, or general welfare of the community at large.

- 1. The premises shall be used exclusively for medical offices.
- No more than two (2) doctors, dentists, or other medical practices shall be located on the premises at any one time.
- There shall be no exterior changes or additions to the existing building, other than normal maintenance.
- 4. All existing shrubbery and trees, located on the property, shall be maintained in reasonable and good condition and that no shrubbery shall be removed, other than that necessary to expand the parking to comply to the Baltimore County parking regulations.
- A site plan, indicating the existing building or structure, landscaping, and proposed parking area, shall be approve by the Department of Public Works, State Highway Administration and the Office of Planning and Zoning.

Deputy Zoning Commissioner
of Baltimore County

use of the property. Once sold, they feared that the new owner would raze the present structure and build a small office building, thus destroying the buffer idea. Also, a major concern was the domino effect that occurs when soning changes are made. In essence, testimony indicated that the Greater Randallstown Community Council was devoted to stopping the wild growth that was taking place in the Liberty Road area and to bring about changes which will provide a better atmosphere in which to live.

individual home sites along Liberty Road. A major concern was the ultimat-

The opposing testimony of the engineers and professional planners, as compared to that of those who live and represent others who live in the area (it should be noted that the Bermont subdivision is not a part of the Greater Randallstown Community Coucil), coupled with the fact that a moratorium designed to reduce or slow development in this area has been adopted by the Bal timore County Council. makes this decision very difficult. All testimony, in this case, has not been covered herein, however, it has been given full consideration and is setforth in Briets from both parties which are Published.

Comments, from the various County agencies, leave little doubt that the Petitioners can meet the majority of the requirements setforth in Section 502. I that must be met prior to a Special Exception being granted. The only real issue that remains to be decided, insofar as the Special Exception is concerned is whether or not the proposed use will be detrimental to the health

It is true that office space could be available in the professional building mentioned in the above testimony or in the shopping center that is to be built on the adjoining property. However, it is also true that while many physicians and other professional people do not desire to have their offices located within their homes or within commercial complexes, they do desire to be located within the residential communities that they serve.

Since very few physicians make house calls, it would appear that doctor's

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DESCRIPTION TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING RECLASSIFICATION 9700 LIBERTY ROAD

BEGINNING for the same at a point on the northeast Right of Way line of Liberty Road at a distance of 620 ft. southeasterly of the intersection of the northeast Right of Way line of Liberty Road and the centerline of Tiverton Road. said point being the division line between Lot #1 and Lot #2, Block A, Section One of "Burmont" and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber G.L.B. 25, Folio 75. running thence and binding on said division line N32*41*58"E 133.96 ft., running thence and binding on the outline of Lot #1 as shown on the aforesaid plat S58*12'20"E 155.96 ft. -\$33*40:30 W 139.06 ft. to the northeast Right or Way line of Liberty Road, running thence and binding thereon N56*19:30"W 153.60 ft. to the place of beginning.

> CONTAINING 0.48 acres, more or less. BEING Lot #1, Block A, Section One of "Burmont."



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LAW OFFICES CONSTABLE ALEXANDER & DANEKER

DOO MARYLAND TRUST BUILDIN CALVERT AND REDWOOD STS BALTINO IE MARYLAND 21202 TEL (3.0) 539-3474 July 25, 1973

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Mr. James E. Dyer Deputy Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning County Office Building Towson, Maryland 2120

Petition for Reclassification and Special Exception NE/S of Liberty Road, 620 feet SE of Tiverton Road 2nd Listrict - Sela E. Cole, et ux - Petitioners No. 73-218-RX (Item No. 31)

Gentlemen:

On June 27, 1973, James E. Dyer, Deputy Zoning Commissioner passes his Order granting the Petitioner's request for rezoning the subject property and further granting a Special Exception subject to several restrictions and conditions.

I have recently been advised that the Fetitioner has filed an Appeal in proper person from Order passed as aforesaid and verbally advised me that I should not participate in subsequent

It is therefore requested that my appearance as attorney for Petitioners be stricken.

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Greater Randallstown Community Council Representing Civic and Service Orga P.O. Box 164

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RESOLUTION NUMBER POUR 20NING

Whoreas the Board of Directors, the Zoning Committee, and the General Membership of the Greater Randallstown Community Council are concerned about responsible soning in the Greater Randallstown areas and

Whereas Mrs. Gene C. Nipper has applied for rezoning of 2.24 acres of property N/E/S of Liberty Road , opposite Live Oak Road from D.R. 16 to B.L.-C.N.S. listed as Item 29 in the October-April 1972-1973 report of the Baltimore County Planning Board; and

Whereas Gilbert Soloman, Albert Kermisch and Leonard Liepman have applied for rezoning of 24.98 acres of property S/W/S of Liberty Road, 368' W. of Live Oak Road from M.L.R. to D.R. 16 listed as Item 30 in the October-April 1972-1973 report of the Baltimore County Planning Boards and

Whereas Sela and Delores Cole have applied for resoning of .48 acres of property N/E/S Liberty Road, 620' E. of Tiverton Road from D.R. 3.5 to D.R. 16 listed as Item 31 in the October-April 1972-1973 report of the Baltimore County Planning Board; and

Whereas Richard Newcity and Efrem Potts have applied for rezoning of .56 of property N/E/S of Liberty Road, 2100' W. of Deer Park Road from D.R. 3.5 to B.L. listed as Item 32 in the October-April report of the Baltimore County Planning Board; and

Whereas the Greater Randallstown Community Council Zoning Committee can find no evidence that there is error in the zoning maps or change in the character of the neighborhood of the aforementioned soning petitions.

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'ow therefore be it resalved that the Greater Randallstown Community Council protests to any change in soning of properties described in Items 29, 30, 31 and 32 of the October-April 1972-1973 report of the Baltimore County Planning Board.

And be it further resolved that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by vote of the membership of the Greater Sandallstown Community Council.

Adopted February 15,1973

Mr. S. Eric Dinenna Zoning Commissioner County Office Buildin Towson, Maryland 2120

RE: Petition for Reclassification and Special Exception NE/S of Liberty Road, 620 feet SE of Tiverton Road - 2nd District Sela E. Cole, et ux - Petitioners NO. 73-218-RX (Item No. 31)

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Please refer to letter of June 27, 1973, signed by James E. Dyer, with reference

We, the Petitioners, Sela E. & Dolores E. Cole, wish to appeal this petition, which

1. The premises shall be used exclusively for medical offices.

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All existing shrubbery and trees, located on the property, shall be maintained in reasonable and good condition and that no shrubbery shall be removed, other than that necessary to expand the parking to comply to the Baltimore County parking regulations.

5. A site plan, indicating the existing building or structure, land-scaping, and proposed parking area, shall be approved by the Department of Public Works, State Highway Administration and the Office of Planning and Zoning.

We refer specifically to Items No. 1 & 2 and ask that they be changed to read:

OFFICES FOR PROFESSIONAL USE.

Items No. 3, 4, & 5 shall remain the same.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sela E. Cele



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RESOLUTION NUMBER THREE, ZONING

Whereas the Zoring Committee of the Greater Randallstown Community Council having been duly elected and designated as the Zoning Committee by the members of said Greater Randallstown Community Council has been vested by the members of said Council with complete responsibility for all review and action on all soning

Whereas the members of the Greater Randallstown Community Council concur with the findings and recommendations of the Zoning Committees and

Whereas Wesley Heilman, Mary Basso, John Hiltz, William Holman, Jane Mann, Sandy Klapper, Phylis Welsh, Eornard Peller, Gilbert Creutzer, J. Fred Lambden, Gary Caplan, Isaac Litt, Jeannette Feldman, Jules Lerner, Robert Palter, and Leonard Averbach are currently members of the Zoning Committee of the Greater Randal-1stown Community Council; and

Whereas said Council wishes to comply fully with the provisions set forth in the Baltimory County Code, 1958, as amended, in particular Rule 8, Paragraph 1-15 of the "General Provisions"

Now therefore be it resolved that the members of the Greater Randalistown Community Council by and on behalf of said Council at the September, 1972 annual meeting do hereby adopt the recommendations regarding zoning as proposed by the Zoning Committee

Be it further resolved that the members of the Zoning Committee of the Greater Randallstown Community Council, are hereby author-

ised to testify for and on behalf of the Greater Randallstown Community Council and its Zoning Committee.

And be it further resolved that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by vote of the membership of the Greater Randallstown Community Council.

Adopted September 21,1972

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MEMORANDUM OF LAW

Re: Sela E. and Delores E. Cole
Petition for a Zoning Reclassification and Special Exception
Item No. 31, Zoning Cycle for Cotober to April, 1972-73

The petitioners herein are seeking a change in the zoning from a residential use DR 3.5 to a residential use of DR 16 with a special exception for profess onal offices. Adjacent and to the east of the subject property along Liberty Road the area is zoned BL-CNS which is surrounded by DR 16 property. To the south of the property and across Liberty Road is an NLR tract. To the west of the property there is a small strip of DR 3.5 followed by HL-CNS which is then followed with BL-CCC.

Historically, Liberty Road has been a main thoroughfare from Baltimore City to the western suburbs. Although never fully completed as a four lane expressway it has for years served as a main artery for commercial and residential vehicles to enter the city. In the very recent years with the improvements made, and being made, to Liberty Road as it enters Baltimore City and its tie-in with the Baltimore County Beltway the congestion has tremendously increased, particularly in the area of the subject property.

At the time of the hearing, Mr. Eugene P. Raphel, whose expertise in the matter of land use has been long recognized and accepted by the Zoolng Commissioner, testified that he was familiar with the area and that traffic had increased substantially in the last several years. We also testified that no external changes in the premises were planned with the exception of an increase in

That purpose the classification should be changed. In the present

property would be for professional offices. Even if the property

could be leased for residential purposes and this is not economically

feasible because of the above facts, there could result as the Com-

missioner pointed out at the hearing, a deterioration of the subject

property which would adversely effect the neighborhood. As the court

zoning regulations should be made in accordance with a comprehensive

has said in several instances, in rezoning as in original zoning,

plan and with a reasonable consideration to the character of the

district and its particular uses and with a view to conserving the

value of the buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of

land throughout the municipality. See Aspin Hill Venture vs. Mont-

a mistake in the original map in that the comprehensive plan failed

to provide for a buffer zone between the commercial and high density

residential; even though there was undisputed testimony of a change

Md. 541, Northwest Merchant vs. O'Rourke 191 Md. 171.

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case the area has changed so that the only feasible use of the

the parking area as required. He further stated that the dimensions of the subject property were considerably larger than the adjacent lots and that it contained just under 1/2 acre.

Mr. Cole, one of the petitioners testified that he had lived on the premises for approximately 12 years and that due to the increase of traffic flowing along Liberty Road particularly in the last year and the general change in the area he had been forced to move. The noise and congestion interfered with his peaceful use of the premises as a residence. Mr. Cole stated that the property had been offered for sale for over one year and he had received no offers on the property for residential purposes. There were many inquiries for use of the subject property as an office facility. Apparently many persons were interested in owning such a facility. Mr. Cole further stated that he plans no exterior changes in the facility and that he was willing to accept limited restrictions as to the number of offices that would be permissable. It was further brought out at the hearing that the use of this property for professional offices would create an ideal buffer zone for the residential property adjacent to the subject property.

Mr. Wesley Heilman, who was opposed to the granting of the rezoning and special exception, testified that he represented the Greater Randallstown Community Council. It was established that the Council is opposed to every rezoning in the present cycle for the general area along Liberty Road and Randallstown. Mr. Heilman indicated that he was concerned with the effect on traffic, schools, aesthotics and strain on utilities such as sever, water and telephon.

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Mr. Heilman further stated that his prime reason for objecting to the rezoning was the growth and increase in congestion that had taken place within the last few years.

In the "Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee Report" which was before the Board, the Department of Public Works had no objection to the proposed rezoning provided adequate protection was taken for storm drains and sediment control. Mr. Flanigan of the Department of Traffic Engineering indicated that because of the small size of the subject property no increase in traffic is expected, The Maryland Department of Transportation indicated its approval as long as the necessary curb and paving was installed, the Faltimore County Fire Department indicated its approval provided that any necessary fire hydrants were installed it intervals of 300 feet, The Faltimore County Department of Health indicated that since metropolitan water and sever are available there was no health hazard to be anticipated and The Baltimore County Board of Education saw no objection to the plan and did not believe the rezoning as requested would have any adverse effect on the student negulation.

In the report of the "Baltimore County Planning Poard Report For The Zoning Cycle For October to April, 1972-3", which was before the Board, the planning board felt that office use here would be appropriate as it would provide an excellent transition area between the future shopping center and additional residential uses to the west. The Planning Board also thought that the proposed reclassification as office use would cause no major increase in traffic. It is also self-evident that office use would not effect the county school population.

As earlier stated herein the change requested is still in a residential category but with a special exception for office use which is permitted under the appropriate higher density zoning that has been requested.

In a present case there was very definitely a mistake in the original Comprehensive Zoning Map. It was a mistake in not having a considered a transition area from the MLM on the north side of Liberty Road and the BL-CNS area east of the subject property to the residential area in the back of the subject property.

In addition to the mistake in the original zoning there has been a substantial change in the neighborhood brought about by the improvements on Liberty Road to the east of the property and the tremendous increase in use of Liberty Road as an arterial high-way connecting the Faltimore County Beltway.

It has long been recognized in Maryland that resoning is justified where there was a mistake in the original soning or when the character of the neighborhood has changed to such an extent that reclassification properly ought to be made. See <u>Baltimore County vs. Missouri Bealty, Inc. 219 Md. 155, wakefield vs. Kraft 202 Md. 136, Cassel vs. City of Baltimore, 195 Md. 348. As Nr. Cole testified the subject property because of the changes in the area was no longer suitable for residential purposes and that he had listed the property for sale but has been unable to sell the property for any purposes except for office use. As the court said in <u>Huffman vs. Mayor 197 Md. 294</u>, where the character of the area has changed so that the property zoned as residential is no longer suitable for</u>

some office space available but it would be speculative to say that they are going to be professional offices there. The most that could be said is that in several years hence there might possibly be available some professional offices. I think the Board should consider the evidence introduced by the protestors as conclusive evidence of the changing characteristics of the neighborhood.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the petitioners reclassification be granted and that the property be resoned DR 16 with a special exception for professional use 'n accordance with the plans and plats submitted to the Beard.

Very truly yours,

Conaid L. Maher 1000 Maryland Trust Building

cc: Mr. Heilman

finding such, as the change requested is this case is similar to a floating zone as set forth, <u>Bayer vs. Siskind 247 Md. 116</u> where the court said "where the granting of a rezoning application is in the nature of a special exception the 'change-mistake rule', requiring evidence of mistake in original zoning or a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood is not appropriate." In this case we are only requesting a higher density residential zone to permit a special exception wherein the Board can provide reasonable limitations on the use.

In numerous cases the Board has considered that traffic should be given a material consideration see Renz vs. Bonfield Holding Company 223 Md. 34, Prince vs. Cohen 213 Md. 457, Ternmink vs. Board of Zoning Appeals 216 Md. 6., Vengeho vs. Hontgomery County 240, Md. 386, Marcus vs. Montgomery County 235 Md. 535.

Although there was no specific testimony as to the date the increase in traffic occurred the Board can consider the increase in traffic that occurred even prior to the last comprehensive rezoning. See The Town of Somerset vs. Montgomery County 229, Md. 42.

There was an inference of some testimony before the Board that this could constitute spot zoning. The probibition against spot zoning is only appropriate where it bears a substantial relationship to public health and is out of harmony with comprehensive zoning ordinance (Eckes vs. Baltimore County 209 Md. 432.) In this case the increase in residential use or density would be in accordance with a comprehensive plan as it is a natural buffer zone between the commercial area and other residential properties adjacent to this area. In addition office use would be an accommendation for the residents thereof. See Cassel v. City of Baltimore,

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195 Md. 350 at page 355 where the court said "that a use permitted in a small area, which is not inconsistent with the use to which the larger surrounding area is restricted, although it may be different from that case, is not 'spot zoning' when it does not conflict with the comprehensive plan." Similarly courts have permitted commercial uses in residential areas, e.g. drug and grocery stores, etc., for the convenience of the residents.

In the Zonling Advisory Committee Report the committee raised certain objections based on the Slate Highlay Administration, the Baltimore County Fire Department, the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of Traffic Engineering and the Project Planning Office. These matters all go to the granting of a permit for use of the property and are not be considered in determining if the rezoning and special exception should be granted. The special exception is granted subject to these matters being corrected and attended too.

At the time of the hearing, Mr. Heilman, entered into evidence certain pictures advertising the Cross Roads Plaza Shopping Mall, the Hernwood Millage Shopping Nall and the Deer Park Plaza Shopping Center and a 12 1/2 acre site 1.1 miles east of the subject property. These exhibits conclusively show that the property has changed its residential characteristics and is no longer suitable for the purposes for which the original zoning was granted. It further shows that professional office space available at the present time is limited. In the future there could possibly be

in the neighborhood due to the increase in traffic and the inability of Mr. Cole to make peaceful use of the property due to the heavy congestion of trucks and commercial vehicles as well as private automobiles, and his testimony that he was unable to sell the property for residential purposes although it was in excellent physical condition; the Board need not consider the necessity of

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PROTESTUTS EXHIBIT 'A

Greater Randallstown Community Council Representing Civic and Service Organization P.O. Box 164 FANDALISTOWN, MARYLAND 21133

> April 23, 1973 Re: Case 73-218Rxpp 25 '73 PM

Mr. James E. Dyer, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning County Office Building Towson, Md. 21204



I have reviewed The Memorandum of Law prepared by Mr. Ronald L. Maher, and I find that I disagree with some of the statements. The statements that I challenge are as follows:

On page one Mr. Maher refers to Mr. Eugene F. Raphel as an expert in land use. At the hearing his credentials as a professional civil engineer were accepted. He discussed the plat on which the subject's property was located. He indicated exactly what changes needed to be made to make the property acceptable for an office use. The term "land use" indicates that Mr. Raphel could speak on comprehensive planning. Being retained by Mr. Maher, he could not speak objectively on how the land should be used even if be was qualified. The term "land use" should be replaced by "professional civil engineer".

Mr. Maher on page seven states that the pictures I , tered as evidence show that professional office space is limited. Mr. Maher neglected to mention the "Now Leasing" sign on the Old Court Professional Building. If office space was limited, this building would have all of its office space rented.

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On the lest page Mr. Maher states that my pictures show conclusive evidence of the changing characteristics of the neighborhood, He is correct if this rezoning petition is granted. This possible change is why we are protesting. We can see the commercial blight extending all the way to the county line on Liberty Road. We must preserve all non-commercial uses of land along Liberty Road. The property next to the Cole's is FOR SALE. One by one they fall to commercialism. Mr. Maher talks of the Cole property being a buffer. A BL zone contains provisions for a side yard (section 232.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations) when it butts a residence zone. This side yard should act as a buffer if properly designed. If it doesn't, our zoning laws need charged. We should not use rezoning of an adjacent property as a tool to gain a buffer area. Using the arguement that this property will be a buffer will lead us down the path of urban sprawl. What will buffer the D.R. 16 area from the D.R. 3.5 area?

A major question left unanswered is "What is the ultimate use for this property?" We heard Mr. Cole give his ideas of how the property will be used, but he is selling it. The new owner has a piece of property zoned D.R.16 with a special exception for offices. What are his ideas regarding the use of this property? He may raze the present structure and build a small office building thus destroying the buffer idea.

A reclassification of the Cole property will extend the highly objectionable commercial strip zone on Liberty Road This property must remain D.R. J.5. The Greater Randallstown Community Council is hard at work to bring about planning and zoning changes in the Liberty Road area which will stop the wild growth and make the area a paradise in which to live. If we can obtain our goal, the Cole property will again be a desirable location for a single family dwelling. Rezoning at the present time will be a step backwards for our area. We can correct the problem cited by Mr. Cole by better planning and then implementation of the plan.

Rezoning will only bring Mr. Cole a higher selling price; it won't solve any problems.

> Sincerely your Weller at Nil Wesley H. Heilman Zoning Chairman

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James E. Dyer Deputy Zoning Commissioner County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Sela E. and Delores E. Colc Petition for Reclassification and Special Exception #73-218RX Item No. 31, 4th Zoning Cycle

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April 10, 1973

Dear Mr. Dver:

At the conclusion of the above entitled hearing held on March 15, 1973, you requested that we submit a Memorandum of Law supporting the Petitioners position. The Memorandum is attached hereto and a copy has been malled to Mr. Wesley Helman. This was the case where I was counsel of record but due to elementances beyond my control, Mr. Mark Daneker of this office represented the Petitioners.

BALTIMORE COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RDP ELEM. S. JR H GH D.R. 3.5 D.R. 16 D.R. 3.5 D.R. 16 PETITION AND SITE PLAN D.R.3.5 EVALUATION COMMENTS BR-CS-2 BL- CNS-BL

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 13, 1972

Ronald L. Maher, Esquire 1000 Maryland Trust Building Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> RE: Petition for Reclassification 9700 Liberty Road 2nd District Sela and Dolores Cole Petitioners Item No. 31 Fourth Zoning Cycle

Dear Mr. Maher:

The Zoning Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition and has made an on site field inspection of the property. The following comments are a result of this review and inspection.

The subject property is located on the northeast side of Liberty Road, 620 feet south east of Tiverton Road in the Second District of Baltimore County.

The subject property is currently improved with a one (1) story ranch house that is in excellent condition. The property is well landscaped and is in keeping with the other residences to the north and northeast of this property. The property immediately to the southeast is unimproved business Local (B. L.) land and the property on the south side of Liberty. Road is zoned Manufacturing Light Restricted (M. L. R.) and is unimproved and is the subject of another petition that has been submitted in this cycle. Curb and gutter and sidewalk exist along this side of Liberty Road at this time.

After a field inspection of the subject site, the Committee is concerned as to the type of professional offices that are proposed. This should be clarifled prio ... the time in the hearing. The petitioner is also advised that revised site plans shall be required that reflect the comments of the State

Ronald L. Maher, Esquire Page Two Oc.ober 13, 1972

Highway Administration and the Baltimore County Fire Department. The petitioner is also advised to pay particular attention to the comments of the Bureau of Engineering, Department of Traffic Engineering and the Project Planning Office.

This pertion is accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate. However, all corrections to site plans as requested shall be submitted to this office prior to Thursday, February 1, 1973 in order to allow time for advertising. Failure to comply may result in this petition not being scheduled for a hearing.

Notice of the hearing date and time, which will be between March 1, 1973 and April 15, 1973 will be forwarded to you in the near future.

Very truly yours.

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Zoning Advisory Committee

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COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

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October 26, 1972

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna Zoning Consissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: 1tem #31 (Gypla Zoning IV Oct. 1972 - April 1973) Property Comer: Sola and Dolores Cole 9700 Liberty Rose Present Zoning: Dar, 3.5 Proposed Zoning: Reclass. From D.H. 3.5 to D.R. 16 District: 2nd No. Acres: O.H.8 Gyp

Dear Mr. DiNappa

The following comments are furnished in regard to the plat submitted to this office for review by the Zoning Advisory Committee in commention with the subject item.

liberty Road is a State Road; therefore, all improvements, intersections and crames on this road will be subject to State Highway Administration requirements.

As no County Roads are impolved, this office has no additional comments.

The Patitioner must provide macessary drainage facilities (temporary or parament) to prevent creating ray noisenoes or damages to adjacent properties, especially by the concentration of surface waters. Correction of any problem which may result, due to improper grading or improper installation of drainage facilities, would be the full responsibility of the Patitioner.

In accordance with the drainage policy for this type development, the Petitioner is suppossible for the total actual cost of drainage facilities required to carry the storm mater run-off through the property to be developed to a suitable outfall.

Liberty Road is a State Road. Therefore, drainage requirements as they affect the road come under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Administration.

Sediment Control Comments:

Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Item No. 31

Attention: Mr. moderation Acting Acting Zoning Advisory Committee

Re: Property Owner: Sela and Delores Cole

Location: 9700 Liberty Road

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hevelopment of this property through stripping, grating and stabilization could result in a sudment pollution problem, desping private and public bolines decentrate of the property. A grading pecut is, therefore, message for all grading, including the stripping of top coil.

Baltimore County Fire Department

Towson, Maryland 21204

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Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below marked with an "x" are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for

(X) 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals of 300 feet along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.

() 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site.
() 3. The vehicle dead-end condition shown at

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EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.

() 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operations.

() 5. Government of the prevention of the property of the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101

"The Life Safety Code", 1970 Edition prior to occuparcy.

() 6. Site plans are approved as drawn.

() 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this t me.

Zoning Agenda IV ZONING CYCLE October 1972 - April 1973

Item #31 (Cycle Zoning IV 0 1972 - April 1973) Property Owner: Selm and Dolores Cole Page 2 October 26, 1972

Water and Sanitary Sewer Comments:

Public water and sewer are available to serve this site.

Very truly yours,

ELISHORTH N. DIVER, P.E. Chief, Bureau of Engineering

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P-SW Key Sheet

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND



DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

EUGENE J. CLIPPORD. P.E. WM. T. MELZER

October 30, 1972

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Haryland 21204

Re: Cycle Zoning IV Item 31 - ZAC - Oct. 72 to Apr. 73 Property Owner: Sela and Delores Cole 9700 Liberty Road Reclass. from DR 3.5 to DR 16

Dear Mr. DiNenna:

The subject petition is requesting a zoning reclassification from OR 3.5 to OR 16, with a special exception for an office ouilding. Because from th' site of the property, no major increase in traffic is expected from th' site.

But, it must be pointed out that Liberty Road has severe traffic problems and is an area of numerou: complaints from the citizens to this

Very truly yours.

Michael S. Flanigan Traffic Engineer Associate

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Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Harry R. Hughes David H. Fishe

October 17,1972

Mr. 5. Eric Divanna Zoning Commissioner County Office Bldg. Towson, Maryland 2120

Re: Reclassification Oct. 1972 Reclassification Oct. 1972 Property Owner: Sela and Dolores Cole Location: 9700 Liberty road (Rte: 26) Proposed Toning: D.R. 3-5. Proposed Toning: Reclass frum D.R. 3-5. to D.R. 16 D.TRICT: 9700 Northside, 620' east of Tiverton Ru.

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The frontage of the site must be improved with concrete curb and paving. The roadside face of curb is to be 24' from and parallel to the centerline of Liberty 8d. The plan should clearly indicate the required curb. It is our opinion that the plan should be revised prior to the hearing.

The entrance will be subject to approval and permit from the State Highway Administration.

The 1971 average daily traffic court for this section of Liberty Road is 13,400 vehicles.

Yery truly yours.

Charles Lee, Chief Development Engineering Section Charles Lee by: John E. Meyers Asst. Development Engineer

P.O. Box 717 / 300 West Presion Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21203

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Mr. S. Eric Dillenna

Dear Mr. Dillenna:

Zoning Commissioner County Office Building

District: 2 No. Acres: 0.48 acres

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-

October 10, 1972

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DONALD J. ROOP, M.D., M.P.H.

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna, Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Comments on Reclassification, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting, October 4, 1972, are as follows:

Property Owner: Sela and Dolores Cole Location: 9700 Liberty Road Present Zoning: D.R. 3.5 Proposed Zoning: Reclassification to D.R. 16 District: 2 No. Acres: 0.48

Since metropolitan water and sewer are available to the site, no health hazard is anticipated.

Very truly yours,

Stone N. Whe. Thomas H. Devlin, Director BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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October 25, 1972

ERIC DIMENNA Zoning Commissioner County Office Building 111 W. Chosepoche Av Towans, Md. 21204 494-3351

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna, Zoning Commissioner Mr. S. Lric DiNenna, Zoning Co Zoning Advisory Committee Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. DiNenn

Comments on Item #31, IV Zoning Cycle, October 1972-April 1973, are as follows:

Property Owner: Sela and Delores Cole Location: 9700 Liberty Road Present Zoning: D.R.3.5 Proposed Zoning: Reclass from D.R.3.5 to D.R.16 District: 2

This extrance is immediately adjacent to an in-only entrance approved by the State Highway Administration for the proposed shopping center to the East. This could create a problem in the future.

Richard & Williams Planner I Project Planning Divisio Office of Planning and Zoning

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The acreage is too small to have any adverse effect on the student population with either D.R. 3.5 or D.R. 16 zoning.

> Very truly yours, W. Wich Petroud

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W. Mick Potrovich

TOWSON, MARYLAND 2:204

Date: October 23, 1972

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Greater Randallstown Community Council
Representing Civic and Service Organizations
P.O. Box 164
RENDALISTORN, MARYLAND 21133

THE FOLLOWING PICTURES ARE ENTERED AS EVIDENCE IN PROTESTING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE SELA AND DELORES COLE PROPERTY (ITEM 31)

> All pictures taken on Sunday, March 11, 1973 by Wesley H. Heilman



The above picture shows the subject's property (house on right) and the adjoining property to the West. Artice the "FOR SALE" sign by Becker on the adjoining property. This is classic evidence of the "Demine Theory" which creates the unwanted commercial strip soning.



Pictured above is a bill board advertising the Cross Reads Plans Shopping Center Mall. This Mall adjoins the subject's property to the East, This Mall could casily accommodate professional offices



Two tenths of a mile to the West of the subject's property another bill board announces a soon to be built Hermwood Village Shopping Mall.

Note the fact that 50,000 square feet of area is available for offices with parking available for 300 care. This would be stiff competition for the the proposed office building in question.



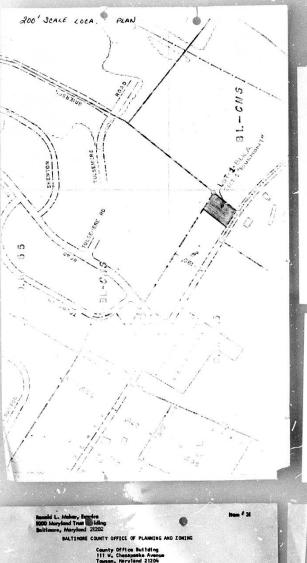
Continuing farther West on Liberty Road is the proposed site of the Deer Park Plana. This Plana is .4 of a mile from the Cole poperty, and is an excellent site for professional offices.



One and one tenth miles to the East of the subject's property is 12% sares of undeveloped property soned Dusiness Readside. This property could be easily developed with enough offices to accommodate the professional people desiring to do business in the Liberty Road area.



The last picture is of the Old Court Professional Building. This building is 2.8 wiles East from the Cole property on Old Court Read. It is important to notice the sign on the left front side of the building which reads "NOW LEASING". Evidently professional office space is not in demand in the Liberty Read area.



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