PETITION FOR ZONING RE-CLASSIFICATION SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND/OR VARIANCE

TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

The undersigned, legal owner(s; of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition (1) that the zoning status of the herein described property be re-classified, pursuant to the Zoning Law

of Baltimore County, from an _____D.R. 16 _____zone to an _____0-2
zone, for the reasons given in the attached statement; and (2) for a Special Exception, under the
said Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property,

and (3) for the reasons given in the attached statement, a variance from the following sections of the Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County: BCZR, Section 205.4D2 requesting a setback of 0' instead of a setback of 65' from any lot line and BCZR, Section 205.4D2 requesting a 0' setback from any street line in lieu of 65' from any street line and BCZR, Section 409.2C requesting a 8' setback requirement for the minimum distance from a road to a parking lot be reduced to 3' and BCZR, Section 205.4 requesting a sideyard of 20' in lieu of a required 65' from Aighurth Road as proposed for widening and BCZR, Section 205.4 requesting a minimum sideyard setback from the easternmost property line of 12' in lieu of the required 46' from the property

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by The Baltimore County Code.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Re-classification, Special Exception and/or Variance, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore

County.		100
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Signature	Signature	
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Attorney for Petitioner:		1 02 3 IA
Mulast Town	8001 York Road	99
(Type or Print Name)Michael P. Tanczyn	Address	Phonechia.
Signature	Towson, MD 21204 City and State	32197212
501 York Road	Name, address and phone number	of legal owner, con-
Address	tract purchaser or representative	to' be contacted
Towson, MD 21204 City and State	Name	
Attorney's Telephone No.: 296-8823	Address	Phone No.

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 3, 1982

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Michael P. Tanczyr, Esquire 501 York Road Towson, Maryland 21204 Towson, Maryland 21204

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Nicholas B. Commodari

Chairman

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RE: Item No. 8 - Cycle No. III Petitioner - Joseph L. Soley Reclassification Petition

Dear Mr. Tanczyn:

This reclassification petition has been timely filed with the Board of Appeals for a public hearing within the April - October '82 reclassification cycle (Cycle III). It has been reviewed by the zoning office as to form and content and has also been reviewed by the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee. The review and enclosed comments from the Committee are intended to provide you and the Board of Appeals with an insight as to possible conflicts or problems that could arise from the requested reclassification or uses and improvements that may be specified as part of the request. They are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested.

If it has been suggested that the petition forms, descriptions, briefs, and/or the site plans be amended so as to reflect better compliance with the zoning regulations and commenting agencies' standards and policies, you are requested to review these comments, make your own judgement as to their accuracy and submit the necessary smendments to this office before May 31. In the event that any requested amendments are not received prior to this date, the petition will be advertised as originally submitted.

The subject property, located at the northeast corner of York and Aigburth Roads in the 9th Election District, is zoned D.R.16 and is improved with the Cardiff Hall East Apartments. This property has been the subject of a number of zoning hearings in the past with the most recent being Case #75-139-XA, which granted the right to construct an office building on the southwest corner of this site.

In view of your client's proposal to reclassify this property to an 0-2 some, this replassification is requested, while variances for parking and building s. thacks are included. In accordance with our previous conversations, it is the opinion of this office that variances cannot be included with a reclassification if no proposed use of the property is indicated on the site plan. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Dyer, and he has written for an opinion from the solicitor's office. Until this question is resolved, I will include the requested variances in the first advertisement of this petition. However, this should not be construed as the final acceptance of this petition.

RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION : BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS from D.R. 16 to O-2 Zone

PETITION FOR VARIANCES OF BALTIMORE COUNTY NE comer of York & Aigburth Rds.,

9th District

; Case No. R-83-57 -A (Item 8, Cycle III) JOSEPH L. SOLEY, Petitioner

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ORDER TO ENTER APPEARANCE

To the Honorable, Members of Said Board:

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 524.1 of the Baltimore County Charter, I hereby enter my appearance in this proceeding. You are requested to notify me of any hearing date or dates which may be now or hereafter designated therefor, and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order in connection therewith.

leter Hay Timmerwan Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel

W. de recange John W. Hessian, III People's Counsel for Baltimore County Rm. 223, Court House Towson, Maryland 21204 494-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10th day of August a copy of the foregoing Order was mailed to Michael P. Tanczyn, Esquire, 501 York Road, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner.

In addition and in view of the fact that the proposed use of this property

In view of the fact that the submitted site plan does not indicate a proposed

Since I have some questions concerning the submitted petition forms, I request

Chairman

Very truly yours,

NICHOLAS B. COMMODARI

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

that you contact me at 494-3391 as soon as possible. Notice of the specific hearing,

which will be between September and December 1982, will be forwarded to you in the

development of the subject property, the enclosed comments from this Committee are

general in nature. If the requested reclassification is granted, a public hearing and/or Planning Board review and approval will be required prior to development.

is not known, it is uncertain whether the overall apartment density will be

John W. Hessian, III

Item No. 8 - Cycle No. III Pettioner - Joseph L. Soley

Reclassification Petition

NBC: bac

Enclosures

Suite 100

affected by the requested 0-2 zoning.

cc: Development Design Group, Ltd.

1107 Kenilworth Drive

Towson, Maryland 21204

At that time, more specific comments will be provided.

RE: Case R-83-62-A Cycle 3, Item 8 Northeast corner of York Road and Algburth

JOSEPH L. SOLEY

BALTIMORY COUNTY

Petitioner

SUBPORNA DUCES TECUM

MR. CLERK:

Please issue a Summons for the following to appear on Tuesday, November 9, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 218, Old Courthouse, Towson, Maryland to appear and testify for the Petitioner.

> Michael S. Flanisan Engineering Associate II Department of Traffic Engineering Towson, MD 21204

to have and bring with him his file for this Item No. 8, Cycle 3.

Michael P. Tancaya 118 W. Penneylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 296-8823

Attorney for Petitioner

Mr. Sheriff:

Please serve the above summons

Edith T. Eisenhart, Adm. Secretary County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

LAW OFFICES ICHAEL P. TANCZYN



Lowell K. Bridwell M. S. Caltrider

March 22, 1982

Mr. Willaim Hackett, Chairman loard of Appeals County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Attention: Mr. N. Commodari

Re: RE-Classification Petitions Cycle III - 1982 Meeting of March 16, 1982 ITEM: #8 Property Owner: Joseph L. Soley Location: NE/Corner York (Route 45) and Aigburth Rds. Existing Zoning: D.R. 16 Proposed Zoning: 0-2 Acres: 5.968 District: 9th

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Due to the absence of any detail on the plan, we are unable to comment.

BALTIMORE COUNTY

ZONING PLANS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PETITION AND SITE PLAN

EVALUATION COMMENTS

Very truly yours, Charles Lee, Chief Bureau of Engineering Access Permits

cc. Mr. J. Wimbley SZ SWittman

By: John Meyers

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Mr. William T. Hackett, Chairman Board of Appeals Court House Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Item #8 Zoning Cycle III (April-October 1982) Property Owner: Joseph L. Soley N/E corner York and Aigburth Roads Existing Zoning: DR 16 Proposed Zoning: 0-2 Acres: 5.968 District: 9th

Dear Mr. Hackett:

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

April 7, 1982

Seneral:

of this property for Item 158 (1970-1971), Item 193 (1973-1974), and Item 65

This office has no further comment in regard to the plan submitted for Zoning Advisory Committee review in connection with this Item 8 Zoning Cycle III (April-October 1982).

RAM: EAM: PWR: 88

cc: Jack Wimbley

N-NW Key Sheet NE 9 A Topo 70 Tax Map

> My telephone number is (301) 659-1350 Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-600-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free P.O. Box 717 / 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203 - 0717

HARRY 1 PISTEL P. E. DIRECTOR

The comments supplied in conjunction with the Zoning Advisory Committee review (1974-1975) are referred to for your consideration.

Very truly yours, Bureau of Public Services

35 NE 3 Pos. Sheet

March 29, 1982

Mr. William Hackett Chairman, Board of Appeals Office of Law, Courthouse Towson, Maryland 21204

> Cycle III - 1982, Meeting of March 16, 1982 Item No. 8 Property Owner: Joseph L. Soley Location: NE/Corner York and Aigburth Roads Existing Zoning: D.R. 16 Proposed Zoning: 0-2 Acres: 5.968 District: 9th

Dear Mr. Hackett:

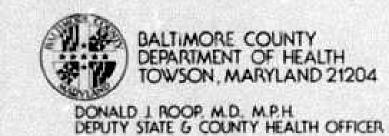
The existing D.R. 16 zoning can be expected to generate approximately 720 trips per day and the proposed 0-2 zoning can be expected to generate approximately 15 trips per day.

The intersection of Aigburth Road and York Road is at E level of service.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Flanigan Engineering Associate II

MSF/rlj



April 7, 1982

Mr. William Hackett, Chairman Board of Appeals Court House Towson, Maryland 21204

District:

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Comments on Item #8, Cycle III Meeting, March 16, 1982, are as follows:

> Joseph L. Soley Property Owner: NE/Corner York and Aigburth Roads

D.R. 16 Existing Zoning: Proposed Zoning: 5.958 Acres:

Metropolitan water and sewer exist.

The Zoning Plan, as submitted, does not contain sufficient information; therefore the Baltimore County Department of Health cannot make complete comments.

Very truly yours,

Ian J. Forrest, Director BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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DALTIMORE COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWSON MARYLAND
825-7310 TOWSON MARYLAND 21204

PAUL H REINCKE CHIEF

Mr. William Hammond cc: William Hackett Chairman of Board of Appeals **Coming Commissioner** Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Attention: Nick Commodari, Chairman Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

RE: Property Owner: Joseph L. Soley

Location: NE/Corner York and Aigburth Roads

Item No.: 8

Zoning Agenda: Meeting of March 16, 1982

April 6, 1982

Gentlemen:

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 the property.

- (X) 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or 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

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 operation.
- (X) 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1976 Edition prior to occupancy.
- () 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn.
- () 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments, at this time.

REVIEWER: CONT Joseph Helly 4/7/87 Approved: Leoge M. Wingamel Planning/Group Special Inspection Division

JK /mb/cm

BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS & LICENSES TOWSON MARYLAND 21204

> TED ZALESKI, JR. DIRECTOR

April 19, 1982

Mr. William Hackett Board of Appeals

RE: Reclassification Petitions Cycle III - 1982 Meeting of March 16, 1982

Dear Mr. Hackett:

I have no comment at this time for the following Item numbers.

> Item No. Item No. Item No. /Item No. Item No. 10 Item No. 11 Item No. 12 Item No. 14 Item No. 16 Item No. 17 Item No. 18 Item No. 19

> > Charles E. Burnham

Plans Review Chief

CEB: es

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Robert Y. Dubel, Superintendent

Towson, Maryland - 21204

Date: 3/22/82

Mr. Walter Reiter Chairman, Board of Appeals Baltimore County Office Building 1111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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Property Owner: Joseph L. Soley Location: NE/Corner York and Aigburth Roads Present Zoning: D.R. 16 Proposed Zoning: 0-2

Elementary

Junior High

Senior High

Scool Situation

Over/Under

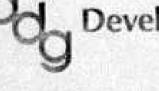
Petitioner does not indicate what types of units will be erected.

Student Yield With:

Existing

Very truly your

Wm. Nick Petrovich, Assistant Department of Planning



Development Design Group, Ltd.

1107 Kenilworth Drive Towson, Marvland 21204

Richard B. Williams, President Wayne E. Maisenholder Land Surveyor

(301) 828-0727

DESCRIPTION TO ACCOMPANY ZONING PETITION POR RECLASSIFICATION FROM EXISTING DR-16 ZONE CARDIFF HALL EAST N.E. CORNER YORK ROAD & AIGBURTH ROAD

Beginning for the same at a point on the east side of York Frad se proposed to be widened to 84 feet, said point being North 44°51'11" East distant 73.40 feet from the intersection of the center lines of York Road and Aiglarth Road, running thence along the east side of York Road (1) North 11°50'00" East 481.70 feet, thence leaving said road, running the three following courses viz: (2) South 78°13'50" East 316.52 feet, (3) South 77°57'10" East 199.80 feet and (4) South 11049'00" West 498.00 feet to the north side of Aighurth Road as proposed to be widened to 60 feet, thence along said road (5) North 79°23'10" West 495.84 feet, thence across the cutoff leading to the east side of York Road (6) North 25°27'30" West 34.25 feet to the place of bealnning. Containing 5.968 acres of land more or less.

Being all and the same land as shown on a plat entitled "Cardiff Hall East Apmts" dated September 25, 1974 and recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Plat Buck E.H.K., Jr. 38 folio 38, saving and excepting therefrom the proposed widening strips for York Road and Aigburth Road.



Joseph L. Soley IN THE CIRCUIT COURT Board of Appeals of Baltimore County BALTIMORE COUNTY The People's Cousel for Baltimore County Docket 15 Folio 160 Case No. 83-M-125

NOTICE OF FILING OF RECORD

John W. Hessian, III Peter Max Zimmerman Rm. 223 118 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Courthouse 21204 Towson, Md. 21204

In accordance with Maryland Rule of Procedure B12, you are notified that the record in the above entitled case was filed on ____ May 6, 1983

June Holmen Mail Stop 2203

FILED MAY 6 1983

JOSEFH L. SOLET IN THE Appellant CIRCUIT COUR SCARD OF AFFEATS Beltimore County, Maryland Old Courthouse Townon, MD 2120 15/160/830125 IN ME. Case 9-83-62-A ***********************

PETITION TO ACCOMPANY ORDER FOR APPEAL

Mow comes, Joseph L. Soley, Appellant, by his attorney, Michael P. Tancaya, and pursuant to Bule B(2)(a) under the Maryland Hales of Procedure, respectfully avers that:

- 1. Petitioner is the owner of a track of land consisting of 6.923 acres. hereinafter called the subject property, located at the northeast corner of Alchurth Road and Tork Road in Baltimore County, Maryland.
- 2. Petitioner has owned the subject property either individually or through a corporation for approximately 2 secades. The sonta history for this property is as follows:

1945 - single family residential - property was located directly acress from State Teachers' College now known as Townon State University.

1955 - RA (predecessor to DR 16) - designation per Bill No. 100 passed in 1970.

1966 - RA - Please note that this case was the subject of zoning petition known as 66-82AX filed by the Hamilton Park Corporation, the predecessor is interest to Mr. Joseph Soley. In that petition, the Hamilton Park Corporation requested a Special Exception for the lend them sound RA for a professional

office building and certain variances. That petition was filed August 24, 1965 and was granted by then Deputy Zoning Coumissioner Hurdesty on October 7. 1965. It is interesting to note that the petition for variances was requested to allow the existing landscaping, greenery and shrubbery of the parcel to be saved and maintained and the Deputy Foning Counissioner in the body of his Order found that to be a commendable resson in granting the soning request. The Denuty Coning Commissioner also specifically mentioned that the property could be used for professional offices for the following professions:

> Physicians etorneys-At-Los Certified Public Account in

He was sided in making that finding, no doubt, by a letter to Mr. John Rose, then the Roning Commissioner from Cabres Cavrel's of Baltimore County Public Works dated September 17, 1965 in which the Public Works Department indicated that the proposal for "professions) offices was a ressonable one".

1971 - Tais percel was goned DR 16 and it is interesting to note that the property at Terrace Dale and You! Toad which is presently under construction as an office park, was then zoned business local (BL).

1975 - Part of this property was the subject of a zo ing petition in case known as 75-139XA in which the Deputy Zoning Commissioner by Order March 5 1975 denied the Petition for Special Exception in a DR 16 zone for the corner portion of the parcel contained in this instant appeal 0.68 acres. On timely appeal by the Appellant, Mr. Soley, the Board of Appeals, after conducting a lengthy hearing, granted the Special Exception on April 28, 1977 and certain requested variances as well. During the 1976 zoning map process, the property had retained its DR 16 zoning and it is interesting to note that the other

property aforesaid located at York and Terrace Dale was resented DR 16 in that map process. In the 1980 map process, this property retained its DR 16 sening while the property at York and Terrace Dale, on the map petition of its contract purchasers, was afforded 0-1 office park soning.

1980 - DR 16 with a Special Exception for offices.

- 3. In the intervening years while Mr. Soley or his predecessor corporation have owned the property, there have been various changes and developments in the neighborhood includings
- a. Namerous public takings for widening of both Aleburth Road and York Road diwinishing the Appellmat's gross land area on each taking
- b. Zoning and construction of numerous office buildings any office park development in the York load corridor which comprises the predentment part of the neighborhood for the Potftioner's property;
- c. Enuctment by the County Council within 30 days before the adoption of the 1950 maps of a new office some designations or Baltimore County, a complately new zone war sumpted as an energency measure;
- d. Amendment of the new office zone within 2 menths after the first enactment to alter the requirements to qualify for that office zone lesigns-
- e. Plenned and now current witming of York Road to alleviate traifie

4. In Harch 1982, your Petitioner filed the instant Tetition case re. 8-83-624 with Baltimore County requesting reclassification of the subject property from DK 16 with Special Exception for professional offices/0-2 and requesting continuence of certain veries see earlier teemed for the subject percel in a previous soning case in 1977. The Balticore County Flamming Sourd (bereinsfter

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referred to as "Planning Board") recommended that the existing zoring DR 16 be retained. At the hearing of this untter, continued from October 4, 1982 at the request of the Patitioner, the first week of Hovember 1982, your Petitioner presented curing his case in chief testimony by a registered land surveyor, Mr. Wayne Maisenholder of the Development Design Group, an expert in land use in the form of Malter McGuire, the Petitioner, Mr. Soley, who holds an advance degree as a land use planner from Harvard University and teaches at MIT. all of the foregoing as expert witnesses and Mr. Michael Flanigan of the Department of Traffic Cogingeriag. The testimony in the Petitioner's case in Curtherence of this Petition for Reclassification and for Variances included the presentation of the confar history and he of this property, adjacent and shutting properties, improvements and chences in the neighborhood, changes in the zooing ordisease. The opposition to this Patition was represented by the People's Counsel for Baltimore County oud presented testinony from Mr. Lunie Graef, director of a private development corporation in Townen, Kr. Tames Moswell, the sector planner for the Fourth District, representatives of the Town or Manor Improvement Association and Greater Torgen Council of Community Associations and a neighbor to the Patitioner's property. The hearing on Movember 9, 1987 schedoled to start at 10:00 m.m. ran, with one recess for lunch, until approximately 6:30 p.m. On March 9, 1981, the Board of Appeals issued a decision denying the reclassification request for 0-2 soning and its opinion in this case.

- 5. The action of the Board of Appeals in denying 0-2 coning requested was arbitrary, capricious and unlewful for the following reasons:
- a. Said action was not based upon the evidence of record but rather represents acquiescence by the Board of Appeals to vegue allegations in opposition of a plabiacite of one neighbor and mearby community and unbrella com-

munity organizations;

b. fall action is contrary to the evidence of record which one substential and everywheledge or all neterial issues as to the charge is the neighborhood in four office sens designations in the femodiate neighborhood and trelve on the Rening Map 3C, approved highrise development planned/under construction. o s treatment of ciniler properties in impediate neighfor office use on two occasions for this property and adjacent property, the intensification of the predouteent business office theractor for the York Road corridor, developments at Tougon State University, such se the Tesson Center.

c. Sald action was based on recommendations of the Flaming Brand in esocimies of some which are either erropeous or here no hasis in fact or im and are contrary to the past coming in the area and for ". "e perpenty

4. The Board of Appeals to making its doctaton failed to properly smaller all relevant factors and considerations esacified in the Greaty Charter. Article 7. Division III. Section 2-58(1) and the decision of the Board of leveels being ands referred to the evidence of record is violative of Section 2-56(1) and (a) of the apticle V, Myleton III of the Belliuses Comey Charton which requires that the Board of Australe' declates be on the bants of evidence

o. The local of Appeals without citing any supportion respecting or formal findings of fact improve without content the bulk of the fetitioner's including the papers formers to repress the testigous and decements ovidence propounded by Baltimore Guardy on the incust.

7. The Beesl of Japonie' decision is bound of findings of facts but me

to it, fails to state a reasonable basis for its decision and its Order fails to acknowledge or dispose of the Petitioner's requested variances presented at the hearing of this motter and represents a cursory summery consideration of this Reclassification Petition to the extent that Petitioner was affectively denied a fair consideration.

S. The Potitioner has been prejudiced because the administrative findings inferences, conclusions or decisions of the Board of Appenls violates the Putitioner's constitutional richts

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Monorable Court:

- a. Meverse the decision of the Sourd of Appeals denying the requested 0-2 sentur without remand
- b. In the alternative, if it finds additional testimony or information is becausery, reverse the Board of Applials' decision and remend with instructions for the further information to be received;
- c. Mear additional evidence of a meterial nature not gyallatie on the time of hearing before the "orrd of Josenia;
- 2. Orant much other and further collect on this Monorable well down tool and proper in the promises

Michael P. Tancayn 118 V. Pennsylvanis Avenue Torsen, Maryland 21204 Attorney for Appellant

matted by regular well, postage prepaid, to Edith Miscohert, Secretary, Board 21204 and to John W. Hossion, Meg., and Peter M. Zimmerman, Mag., Pacple's Counsel, Old Courthouse, Second Floor, Termon, Meryland 21204.

April 8, 1983

BILLED TO:

DMASL P. TANGEYE

Michael P. Tanczyn, Esq. 118 W. Penna. Ave. (21204)

Cost of certified documents filed

Joseph L. Soley NE comer York and Aigburth Rds. 9th District D.R. 16 to 0-2

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Baltimore County, Maryland

REMIT TO:

County Board of Appeals Rm. 200, Court House Towson, Md. 21204

494-3180

son 219, Court Hou. Acril 6, 1983

John W. Hessian, Esq. People's Counsel for Beltimore County Court House Towson, Md. 21204

Door Mr. Hessian:

Re: Case No. R-83-62-A Joseph L. Soley

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that an appeal has been taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from the decision of the County Board of Aspects rendered in the above matter.

Enclased is a capy of the Certificate of Notice.

Very truly yours,

Encl. Charles Briggeman Thomas W. Valenti Mrs. Geo. Christie Gertrude Muth Bd. of Education W. E. Hammond J. E. Dyer N. Gerber J. Hoswell

Mchoel F. Tancyro

I HEREN CERTIFY this 15th day of April 1983, a copy of the foregoing was of Appeals for Baltimore County, Second Floor, Old Courthouse, Youson, Maryland

eder Bourk of Assertate Room 219, Court House Towns, Maryland 2120 April 8, 1983

Michael P. To czyn, Esq. 118 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Towson, Md. 21204

Dear Mr. Tanczyns

Joseph L. Soley Re: Case No. R-83-62-A

In accordance with Rule 8-7 (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the County Board of Appeals is required to submit the record of proceedings of the zoning appeal which you have taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the above matter within thirty days.

The cost of the transcript of the record must be paid by you. Certified copies of any other documents necessary for the completion of the record must also be at your expense.

The cost of the transcript, plus any other documents, must be paid in time to transmit the same to the Circuit Court not later than thirty days from the date of any polition you might file in court, in accordance with Rule 8-7 (a).

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Natice: also invoice covering the cost of certified copies of necessary documents.

Very truly yours

June Holmen, Secretary

The Hanorable William T. Hockett, Chairman County Board of Appeals

November 18, 1982

this centext, the Maryland Court of Appeals has said, "... that the development of an area along the lines contemplated in the original comprehensive zaning is not such a change as would support the finding of a substantial change in the character of the neighborh ad." Prince George's County v. Prestwick, Inc., 263 Md. 217, 228 (19/1).* The only reclassification in the Towson area since 1980 to which Petitioner could point is the so-called Mangione property on the north side of Burke Avenue, west of York Road. But that property is in the town center designated by the Planning Board and is being developed as a high-rise apartment building for elderly persons in accordance with a specific site plan approved by the County Board of Appeals with appropriate conditions. it cannot legically support the rezoning of the subject tract to office park.

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The testimony of Hoswell, together with that of Leslie Graef (former County Planning Director and now President of the Tousan Development Corporation) and the neighboring Protestants, combined to reinforce the point that D.R. 16 continues to be an appropriate, researable, and usable zoning designation. The County Board of Appeals should, therefore, deny this petition for reclassification.

Deputy People's Counsel

cc: Michael P. Tanczyn, Esquire

PMZ sh

*The issue here is virtually identical to the issue presented to the Board in the pending case of F. &S. Limited Partnership, Zoning Case No. R-83-62. These cases provide the Board with an excellent opportunity to clarify application of JOSEPH L. SOLEY

Appellant

IN RE: Case R-83-62-A

IN THE

AT LAW

CIRCUIT COURT

FOR

BOARD OF APPEALS Baltimore County, Maryland

2nd Floor Old Courthouse Towson, MD 21204

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BALTIMORE COUNTY

ORDER FOR APPEAL

Now comes, Joseph L. Soley, Appellant, by his attorney, Michael P. Tanczyn and respectfully enters an Appeal from the decision of the Board of Appeals ated March 9, 1983 to the Circuit Court for Bal-imore County.

LAW OFFICES

VICHAEL P. TANCZYN

JOHN W. HESSIAN, I

People's Counsel

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

Deputy People's Counsel

The Hon- ''

Room 200, Court House

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Towson, Maryland 21204

Count

kett, Chairman

of Appeals

Michael P. Tanczyn

118 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 296-8823 Attorney for Appellant

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Order of Appeal was handed to Edith Visenhart Secretary to the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County, 2nd Floor, Old Courthouse, Towson, Maryland 21204.

Batimore County, Maryland

PEOPLE'S COUNSEL RM. 223, COURT HOUSE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

This case presents for the first time the question of the interpretation of the

There is no dispute that following receipt of the report of the Planning Board,

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November 18, 1982

RE: Joseph L. Soley - Petition for

Reclassification - R-83-67-A

I HEREBY admit receipt of a copy of the Order for Appeal in Case E-83-62-A

Baltimore County Board of App. 1s

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Baltimore County, Maryland

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November 18, 1982

The Honorable William T. Hockett, Chairman County Board of Appeals Room 200, Court House Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Joseph L. Soley - Petition for Reclassification - PR-83-62-A

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The testimony of Hoswell, together with that of Leslie Graef (former County Planning Director and now President of the Towson Development Corporation) and the neighboring Protestants, combined to reinforce the point that D.R. 16 continues to be an appropriate, reasonable, and usable zoning designation. The County Board of Appeals should, therefore, deny this petition for reclassification.

Very truly yours,

Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel

cc: Michael P. Tanczyn, Esquire

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*The issue here is virtually identical to the issue presented to the Board in the pending case of F.&S. Limited Partnership, Zoning Case No. R-83-62. These cases provide the Board with an excellent opportunity to clarify application of the "change" rule.

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November 30, 1982

The Honorable William T. Hackett, Chairman County Board of Appeals Room 200, Court House Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Joseph L. Soley Petition for Reclassification #R-87-62-A

Dear Mr. Hackett:

I am writing to make record of the fact that I first received a copy of Mr. Zimmerman's memo/letter to you dated November 18, 1982 but stamped November 17, 1982 as received on Friday, November 26, 1982 when I visited your offices to check on this file. As I did not receive any copy although his memo bears notice that he sent a copy to me, I would respectfully request that I be given ten (19) days from the 26th to respond to his memo.

If that poses may great problem, please let me know.

Very truly yours, chael P. Tanczyn

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cc: Peter Max Zimmerman, Esq. Mr. Joseph Soley Mrs. Alcarese

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quotes the O zone preamble as evidencing a Council intent for spacious well landscaped office parks. That statement of policy must be considered as a matter concerning the density or intensity of development on the property in question. Pictures introduced by the Deputy People's Counsel show, indeed, that the Petitioner's property is spacious and well landscaped as was called for by that section.

As far as the Deputy People's Counsel's additional points concerning changes in the neighborhood, he quotes the opinions of Mr. Hoswell from the Office of Planning and Zoning in detail and Mr. Graef generally, but it is inescapable that the County Council, in its wisdom when it created these zones, rejected the recommendation of these same gentlemen who proposed zoning most of the properties which the Petitioner cited as changed in the neighborhood as RO and made many of them 0-1. These were the same representatives of the Department which, in the past, had recommended that what is now the Clark MacKenzie York Terrace Dale property, be down zoned from BL to DR 16 and then back in 1980 when they recommended RO in the 1980 maps and it was zoned 0-1. The changing nature of the neighborhood can be found to have devolved from the findings of your Honorable Board in earlier cases involving this and other local properties which were included in our earlier memo indum as having "a mixed residential, commercial, business and office character". The location of this property makes it eminently suitable as a buffer between the Towson State University and the residential community and its location on the corner of York Road and Aighurth allow ingress and egress without travelling of necessity through the residential community, another concern of the County Council in enacting the office park rone.

Contrary to the representations of the Deputy People's Counsel, the expert witnesses for the Petitioner's case, Mr. Walter McGuire, an experienced resitor and land use expert, was clear about the various cultural, zoning, and construction changes and the growth of Towson State to include the expansion of the four high rise dorms however expected that still represent a substantial change in the immediate neighborhood. Additionally, the point noted by the protestants that the Petitioner's existing use is reasonable and in concert with the Towson plan and the master plan, ignores the fact that the office zone did not exist when the master plan was developed and the County Council eminently cognizant of that, chose to amend the legislation creating the office zone so that the acreage requirements would not be a proscriptive factor if a particular parcel would meet all the other criteria for the office park zone. Additionally, the Board has the benefit of the expertise of the Petitioner who is a degreed professor in land use planning and teaches at M.I.T. He is a person whose testimony as to creating an aesthetically pleasing environment was borne out by the photographs

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RE: Joseph 1. Soley - Petition for Reclassification - #R-83-62-A

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Towson, MD 21204

County Board of Appeals

Room 200, Courthouse

In response to the letter memo of the Deputy People's Counsel, we would first address the matter of defining approximate. As he correctly quoted Black's Law Dictionary, the question remaining is how to construe the definition as set forth in that work. In the Kleiman case, he then cited the Court of Appeals as stating that, "approximately" in that contract case meant what he said "literally" but they go on to state quite a bit more about how they construed "approximately" as used in that contract case. Under the contract. the sellers were to provide certain woolen stockings which were ordered in January 15, 1920 and were to be shipped to Baltimore in March from North Carolina. The seller's contract terms stated that "the delivery dates mentioned were approximate only". The stockings were shipped from the North Carolina manufacturing plant on May 19, 1920 and arrived the end of June 1920. The issue before the Court was whether delivery in that time frame meant that the seller had complied with the delivery requirements with the caveat that they had been "approximate". The Court found that time was of the essence in that commercial contract but said, as a matter of law, a delivery 49 days after that contemplated by the contract, could not be said to fall beyond the ambit of "approximately" as described in the contract. In making that determination, the Court ar page 554 in its opinion, states "... it becomes necessary to inquire whot meaning the parties intended it to have as used in this contract". In determining that intention 'the contract itself must be read in the light of the circums tances under which it was entered into', ... 'because since the purpose of the inquiry is to learn the meaning of the writing at the time and place the contract was made, all the surrounding circumstances at that time necessarily throw light upon its meaning and aid in interpreting it.

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of the subject site and he testifies, quite candidly, that he was unaware of the pending legislation to create the office zone in 1980 when this property was on the map as issue 4-69 for BL. To the contrary, he testified that that request was done without his knowledge, consent or direction by his Counsel at the time perhaps as a part of a larger request for zoning on other properties as a matter of surmise.

Finally, the development of York and (excavation has begun st week in December) heretoon ES York Road by Crest Contrac , of whether the Office of fore is a matter of history, ra the change which has occurred Planning and Zoning recognizes and the zoning by the County Council of the number of parcels 0-1 in this general vicinity on the 1980 maps which previously were special exception office building of a DR 16 zoning including York at Terrace Dale, a naked parcel, evidences a legislative preference for office park development in this area and for the reasons stated the Petitioner respectfully requests a favorable decision on his request for 0-2 zoning at York and Aigburth.

Very truly yours.

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cc: Mr. Joseph Soley Mr. Walter McGuire Mrs. Alcarese Peter M. Zimmerman, Esq. Mr. Carl Eruff Mr. Thomas Valenti Mrs. Alice Held

The Honorable William T. Hackett, Chairman December 7, 1982 Page Two

Applying these rules to the facts before us, it is clear that by the use of the word approximate, the parties intended to enlarge and not restrict the time of shipment. "On page 55", we should ascertain what, under all the circumstances, was a reasonable time for the shipment because since the time of performance is not definite (and the use of the word "approximate" excludes the idea of definiteless and exactness), there is no other standard upon which we can rely in that fixed by reason and common experience...".

The common sense approach of reason to the 0 zone as enacted by the County Council can be determined, in part, by examining the time frame of the measures and the extent of the changes proposed and adopted by the County Council. When one begins with the understanding that the O zones were enacted shortly before and within a month of the adoption of the official zoning maps of 1980 in October, 1980, it is at once beyond dispute that the original legislation introduced August 4, 1980 to create the 0 zones and passed as an emergency measure and effective as of September 12, 1980, was passed approximately one month before the County Council adopted the official 1980 goning maps for the 7 County Council districts on October 14. 1980.

Scarcely two months later, the County Council Chairman Introduced Bill 221-80 on December 15, 1980 which was passed on January 19. 1981 and took effect March 8. 1981 altering the minimum acreage requirements for both 0-1 and 0-2 zones. Under the second Bill, the County Council used language departing from a flat minimum acreage requirement and chose to use the word approximately to preface both minimum acreage requirements. The action of the County Council in making this change must be construed in concert with the remainder of the preamble and substantive language of its predecessor, Bill 167-80. The County Council clearly intended to enlarge the number of properties which would qualify for both 0-1 and 0-2 zoning classifications by its action in enacting Bill 221-80.

Though the Deputy People's Counsel willingly offers his surgestion of what "approximately" should mean as far as the minimum acreage, the Petitioners' suggestion of the meaning to be accorded "approximately" makes more sense when you consider the County Council

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County Board of Apprels Room 219, Court House Towar, Maryland 21204 March 9, 1983

Michael P. Tanczyn, Esq. 118 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Towson, Md. 21204

Dear Mr. Tanczyn:

Re: Case No. R-83-62-A Joseph L. Soley

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Opinion and Order passed today by the County Board of Appeals in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

June Holmen, Secretary cc: Mr. Joseph L. Soley Ms. Alice Held Charles Briggeman Thomas W. Valenti Mrs. George Christie Ms. Gertrude Muth

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January 14, 1983

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Counsel but also reiterated in both pieces of legislation in Section

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Mr. Soley had done a very good job in development of this, as well as

other properties which he has constructed or maintained in the County;

that a substantial number of the units in those apartments have been,

for some time, devoted to office uses in aesthetic harmony with the

surrounding residential neighborhoods. The Deputy People's Counsel

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The resulting amendments made by the County Council, as suggested

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205.2 that development in an 0-2 zone be designed, built and main-

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neighborhoods and built so as to enhance rather than detract from

amenities and property values in those neighborhoods.

December 7, 1982

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RE: Petition of Joseph L. Soley for Zoning Reclassification Corner of York and Algburth Roads Case No. R-83-67-A

Dear Mr. Hackett:

My client has inquired whether or not the Board has reached a decision so I am, therefore, writing to ask if the Board has not yet decided this case, if you can give us an estimate of the time within which a decision may reasonably be expected.

Thank you very much for your advice in this regard.

Very truly yours,

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

(CONTINUED HEARING)

NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS. REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD RULE 2(b). ABSOLUTELY NO POSTPONE-MENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEAR-ING DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL \$108

CASE NO. R-83-67-A Item #8

JOSEPH L. SOLEY

NE/cor. York and Aigburth Rds.

9th District

Reclass .- D.R. 16 to 0-2 Variance--from Sec. 205.4D2 of the

Zoning Regulations

People's Counsel

ASSIGNED FOR:

TUESDAY, NOV. 9, 1982, at 10 a.m.

Counsel for Petitioner

Joseph L. Soley

Petitioner

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June Holmen, Secy.

April 7, 1982

Mr. William Hackett, Chairman Board of Appeals Court House Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Comments on Item #3, Cycle III 'teeting, March 16, 1982, are as follows:

Property Owner: Location: Existing Zoning:

D.R. 16 Proposed Loning:

9th District:

Metropolitan water and sever exist.

The Zoning Plan, as submitted, does not contain sufficient information; therefore the Baltimore County Department of Health cannot make complete comments.

HE/torner York and Algeurth Roads

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September 9, 1982

Michael P. Tancaya, Require 118 W. Ponnsylvania Avenue Towner, Maryland 21204

NOTICE OF HEARING

Re: Petition for Reclassification and Variances NE/corner of York and Algburth Roads Jeseph L. Soley - Petitioner Case #R-83-62-A Cycle III - Item #8

10:00 A. M.

Tuesday, October 5, 1982

PLACE: Room 218. Courthouse, Towson, Maryland

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William T. Hackett, Chairman

County Board of Appeals

10/5/82--Above notified of CONTINUED HEARING on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1982, at 10 a.m.

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(301) 296-8825

August 9, 1982

Mr. William Hackett Board of Appeals Old Courthouse Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Item 8 Zoning Cycle 3 Property Owner: Joseph Soley 9th District

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Pursuant to discussions . have had with your secretary and the Zoning Office, I am formally requesting on behalf of my client, Mr. Soley, that his case which has been tentatively set for hearing the week of October 4, 1982 be heard in a recently developed vacancy the week of November 9, 1982.

The reason for this request is that my wife and I are expecting our first child which is due September 28, 1982. As delivery dates are often a matter which defies precise determination, I would appreciate pulling this hearing and rescheduling it so that it might be heard in November 1982.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Michael P. Tanczyn

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cc: Mr. Joseph Soley Development Design Group Nicholas B. Commodari

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The reasons why the variances are requested are that the property in question was zoned D.R. 16 and a special erception was granted for offices with certain setback variances in 1977 due to the proposed widening of York Road and certain engineering enhancements which the Petitioner agreed to do in that project to enhance the Motorist's fields of observation on York Road at Aigburth Road. It would constitute on undue hardship now as it would have been for the Petitioner to be held to certain setback lines for this property with the York Road proposed to be widened to approximately 80' in the fairly near future.

Additionally, a consideration of the surrounding uses around this property clearly show that the unused portion of the Petitioner's property is uniquely located so as to impact to a minimal degree on the use and enjoyment of surrounding properties in concert with good development practices to maximize the tax base and provide for the full utilization of land in the town center.

That the request for 0-2 zoning from existing D.R. 16 is merited by the fact that the area in which this property is located has been built up and developed over the years to the point where the neighborhood has matured and this particular piece of property might well have been zoned 0-2 by the County Council in its 1980 map deliberations had the said some been in existence at that time. As the 0-2 zone was created contemporaneously with the adoption of the 1980 maps, the Patitioner alleges map error in that the property was not zoned 0-2 by the Council in its deliberations at that time and further claims that there have been substantial changes in the neighborhood since the County Council deliberated on said maps in that in issue number 68, McKenrie & Associates successfully petitioned for 0-1 zoning for their 4.8 acre percel and Hillside Avenue and Terrace Dale from the York Road one block above this Petitioner's property and the character of development on that section of York Road militates in favor of 0-2 zoning as requested by this Petitioner.

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Attorney for Petitioner

August 13, 1982

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Maryland Department of Transportation

March 22, 1982

Mr. Willaim Hackett, Chairman Board of Appeals County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Attention: Mr. N. Commodari

Re: RE-Classification Petitions Cycle III - 1982 Meeting of March 16, 1982 ITEM: #8 Property Owner: Joseph L. Soley Location: NE/Corner York (Route 45) and Aigburth Rds. Existing Zoning: D.R. 16 Proposed Zoning: 0-2 Acres: 5.968 District: 9th

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M. S. Caltrider

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Due to the absence of any detail on the plan, we are unable to comment.

Very truly yours,

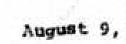
Charles Lee, Chief Bureau of Engineering Access Permits

By: John Meyers

cc: Mr. J. Wimbley Mr. G. Wittman

My telephone number is (301) 659-135

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August 13, 1982

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cc: Mr. Joseph Soley Development Design Group Nicholas B. Commodari

: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF : FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY FOR REZONING FROM AT LAW D.R. 16 to 0-2 ON PROPERTY LOCATED : Misc. 15/160/83-M-125 ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF YORK AND AIGBURTH RDS. 9th District

Joseph L. Soley, Petitioner-Appellant Zoning File No. R-83-62-A

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ANSWER TO PETITION ON APPEAL

The People's Counsel for Baltimore County, Protestant below and Appellee herein, answers the Petition on Appeal heretofore filed by the Appellant, viz:

- 1. That the Appellee admits Paragraph 1.
- 2. That the Appellee no ther admits nor denies Paragraphs 2-4 because they involve argument and matters not in evidence in the present case.
 - 3. That the Appellee denies Paragraphs 5-8.
- 4. That the decision of the Board herein was proper and justified by the evidence before it and that the decision of the Board should therefore be sustained as being properly and legally made.

AND AS IN DUTY BOUND, etc.,

Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel Room 223, Court House

Towson, Maryland 21204

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4th day of May, 1983, a copy of the foregoing Answer to Petition on Appeal was delivered to the Administrat re Secretary, County Board of Appeals, Rm. 200, Court House, Towson, MD 21204; and a copy mailed to Michael

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P. Tanczyn, Esquire, 118 W. Pennsylvania dura. Towson, MD 21204. fole Ma Commen PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION AND VARIANCES

Tuesday, October 5, 1982 at 10:00 A.M.

9th Election District

Petition for Reclassification and Variances ZONING:

Northeast corner of York and Aigburth Roads

LOCATION:

Room 218, Courthouse, Towson, Maryland PUBLIC HEARING:

DATE & TIME:

The County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County, by authority of the Baltimore County Charter will hold a public hearing:

> Petition for Reclassification from a D.R. 16 zone to an O-2 zone and Variances to permit a setback from the boundary of a residential zone of 12 ft. in lieu of the required 46 ft., to permit setbacks from the street lines of 0 ft. and 20 ft. in lieu of the required 65 ft. and to permit parking within 3 ft. of a street property line in lieu of the required 8 ft.

The Zoning Regulation to be excepted as follows: Section 205. 4. D. 1 - setback from boundary of residential zone Section 205. 4. D. 2 - setback from the street property line Section 409. 2. c. (4) - setback for parking space from street line

All that pare al of land in the Ninth District of Baltimore County

Being the property of Joseph L. Soley, as shown on plat plan filed with the Zoming Department.

Hearing Date: Tuesday, October 5, 1982 at 10:00 A. M. Public Hearing: Room 218, Courthouse, Towson, Maryland

> BY ORDER OF WILLIAM T. HACKETT, CHAIRMAN COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF IN THE THE APPLICATION OF JOSEPH L. SOLEY CIRCUIT COURT FOR REZONING FROM D.R. 16 to 0-2 FOR ON PROPERTY LOCATED BALTIMORE COUNTY ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF YORK AND AIGBURTH ROADS 9th District AT LAW Misc. Doc. No. 15 Joseph L. Soley, Petitioner-Appellant Zoning File No. R-83-62-A File No. 83-M-125 OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE O.F APPEALS OF BALTIMORE

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

And now come William T. Hackett, Patricia Phipps and Keith S. Franz, constituting the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, and in answer to the Order for Appeal directed against them in this case, herewith return the record of proceedings had in the above entitled matter, consisting of the following certified copies or original papers on file in the office of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County:

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ENTRIES FROM DOCKET OF BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

R-83-62-A

Perition of Joseph L. Soley for reclassification from a D.R. 16 zone to an 0-2 zone on property located on the northeast comer of York and Aigburth Roads, 9th District - filed

Order of William T. Hackett, Chairman, County Board of Appeals, directing advertisement and posting of property - date of hearing set for Oct. 5, 1982, at 10 a.m.

Comments of Balto. County Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

September 16, 1982 Certificate of Publication in newspaper - filed

Certificate of Posting of property - filed

At 10 a.m. hearing held on petition

At 10 a.m., continued hearing held on petition

CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY CATEGORY_ ATTORNEYS Michael P. Tanczyn JOSEPH L. SOLEY 118 W. Penna. Ave. (04) 296-8823 BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY John W. Hessian, III Peter Max Zimmerman. Fm. 223, Courthouse (4) 494-2188 COSTS (1) Apr. 7, 1983 - Appellant's Order for Appeal from the decision of the Board of Appeals fd. 83125 # HISC # 60.00 1 - CLRK (2) Apr. 8. 1983 - Certificate of Notice fd. 5.00 B 1381 65.00 (3) Apr. 15, 1983 - Appellant's Petition for Appeal fd. CHEK #20029 6001 202 111:33 (4) April 28, 1983 - Appellant's Memorandum fd. & Exhibits fd. 04/07/63 (5) May 4, 1983 App. of John W. Hessian, III & Peter Max Zimmerman for the People's Counsel for Baltimore County. Same day Answer id. (6) May 6, 1983 - Transcript of Record fd. (7) May 6, 1983 - Notice of Filing of Record fd. Copies sent. (8) May. 25, 1983 - Appellant's Motion to extend time withing which to file (9) June 17, 1983 Order of Court that the time within which Appellant's Memo pursuant to Md. Rule B12 shall be filed shall be extended as prayed to on or before August 19, 1983 fd. (JER) (10) Aug. 8, 1983 - Appellant's Second Motion to Extend Time to file Memorardum Purmount to Md. Rule B12 and Order of Court Granting Same fd. (AMB) (11) Aug. 8, 1983 - Correspondence fd. (12) Aug. 26, 1983 - Pitff's (Appellant) Landowner's Memorandum of Law fd. (13) Sept. 14, 1983 Appellee's Memorandum fd.

Joseph L. Soley Case No. R-83-62-A Order of County Bd. of Appeals denying the petition for reclassification Order for Appeal filed in the Cir. Ct. for Baltimore County by Michael P. Tanczyn, Esq., on behalf of Petitioner Certificate of Notice sent to all interested parties Petition to accompany Order for Appeal filed in Cir. Court May 5, 1983 Transcript of testimony filed Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1 - Letter stating payment of advertising costs " 2 - Plat of site, March 1, 1982 " 3 - Zoning Map, color coded, 1976 " 4 - 1980 official zoning map, pictures " 5 - A thru G, photos " 6 - File of County Troffic Engineer of Item 8, Case 83-67-A " 7 - Photogrametric map of area w/photos " 8 - Log of Issues, Dist. 4, Pages 1,2,3,4, People's Counsel's Exhibit No. 1 - Photos of area " 2 - Councilmanic log of 1980 issues " 3 - Transcript of council hearing, 6/18/80 " 4 - Transcript of council hearing, 9/23/80 " 5 - Report of Planning Board " 6 - Letter, 6/2/80 to Chairman Lauenstein

" 8 - Letter enabling Valenti to speak

" 10 - Resolution from Towson Manor

" 9 - L_tter stating Valenti elected Pres.

" 11 - Authorization of C. Bruff to testify

" 12 - G.T.C.C. Asm. authorization

The reasons why the variances are requested are that

the property in question was zoned D.R. 16 and a special

Road and certain engineering enhancements which the Peti-

exception was granted for offices with certain setback

variances in 1977 due to the proposed widening of York

tioner agreed to do in that project to enhance the Mo-

torist's fields of observation on York Road at Aigburth Road. It would constitute an undue hardship now as it

would have been for the Petitioner to be held to certain

around this property clearly show that the unused portion

of the Petitioner's property is uniquely located so as to

impact to a minimal degree on the use and enjoyment of

surrounding properties in concert with good development

practices to maximize the tax base and provide for the

full utilization of land in the town center.

Additionally, a consideration of the surrounding uses

That the request for 0-2 zoning from existing D.R. 16

is merited by the fact that the area in which this property

is located has been built up and developed over the years

to the point where the neighborhood has matured and this

particular piece of property might well have been zoned

0-2 by the County Council in its 1980 map deliberations

the 1980 maps, the Petitioner alleges map error in that

the property was not zoned 0-2 by the Council in its de-

liberations at that time and further claims that there have been substantial changes in the neighborhood since

the County Council deliberated on said maps in that in

titioned for 0-1 zoning for their 4.8 acre parcel and Hillside Avenue and Terrace Dale from the York Road one

of development on that section of York Road militates

issue number 68, McKenzie & Associates successfully pe-

block above this Petitioner's property and the character

in favor of 0-2 zoning as requested by this Petitioner.

Michael P. Tanczyn

Attorney for Petitioner

501 York Road

296-8822

Towson, MD 21204

had the said zone been in existence at that time. As the

0-2 zone was created contemporaneously with the adoption of

setback lines for this property with the York Road pro-

posed to be widened to approximately 80' in the fairly

near future.

" 7 - Comment on Issue 4-69 dated 6/17/BO

Joseph L. Soley Case No. R-83-62-A Record of proceedings filed in the Circuit Ct. for Baltimore County Record of proceedings pursuant to which said Order was entered and said Board acted are permanent records of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County and your respondents respectively suggest that it would be inconvenient and inappropriate to file the same in this proceeding, but your respondents will produce any and all such rules and regulations whenever directed to do so by this Court.

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore

CASE NO. -83 - M - 125

cc: J. W. Hessian, Esq. M. P. Tanczyn, Esq.

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CASE NO. 83 N 125

November 8, 1983 Hon. John F. Fader, II. Hearing had. Decision of the Board of Appeals of Balti more County - "ffirmed.

IN THE MATTER OF IN THE THE APPLICATION OF JOSEPH L. SOLEY CIRCUIT COURT FOR REZONING FROM D.R. 16 to 0-2 FOR ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER BALTIMORE COUNTY OF YORK AND AIGBURTH ROADS 9th District AT LAW Misc. Doc. No. 15 Joseph L. Soley, Petitioner-Appellant Zoning File No. R-83-62-A 83-M-125

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule B-2(d) of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, William T. Hockett, Patricia Phipps and Keith S. Franz, constituting the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, have given notice by mail of the filing of the appeal to the representative of every party to the proce ding before it; namely, Joseph L. Soley 8001 York Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Petitioner; Michael P. Tanazyn, Lsq., 118 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for Petitioner; Alice Held, 2 Algburth Rd., Towson, Md. 21204; Charles Briggeman, 18 1/2 Cedar Ave., Towson, Md. 21204; Thomas W. Valenti, Pres., Towson Manor Assoc., 72 Cedar Ave., Towson, Md. 21204; Mrs. George Christie, 8011 York Rd., Apt. C-8, Towson, Md. 21204; Gertrude Muth, 8013 York Rd., Apt. B-8, Towson, Md. 21204; and John W. Hessian, Esq., Court House, Towson, Md. 21204, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, a copy of which Notice is attached hereto and prayed that it may be made a part thereof.

> County Board of Appeals of Baltimore Count Rm. 200, Court House, Towson, Md. 21204

Joseph L. Soley Case No. R-83-62-A

Various neighbors and residents of the apartments on the site, stated their opposition to the proposed change. Mr. James Hoswell, a Baltimore County Planner, explained the various office categories and stated that the subject site was an issue on the 1980 maps and the D.R. 16 designation is an appropriate one. He further stated that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, Section 205.2, requires a minimum of "approximately ten acres". As stated above, the subject site contains aix actual acres.

It is the opinion of the Board that the subject site is not an appropriate site for an 0-2 zone. The size of the site, (6 acres), is considerably less than the "approximate" 10 weres required by Section 265.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. It is clear to the Board that four acres, more or less, is not the fraction less than ten acres, which the word approximately was meant to define. Clearly, the 0-2 zone was created to provide spacious office parks and this property is not suitable for such a designation. Further, as the site was an issue on the 1980 maps, the County Council was aware of the character of the immediate area and felt that D.R. 16 was the proper use.

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this 9th day of March, 1983, by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the Petition for Reclassification from D. R. 16 to 0-2 be and the same is hereby DENIED.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Rules B-1 thru B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

> COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

William T. Hackett, Chairman

LAW OFFICES

MICHAEL P. TAI CZYN

BOARD OF APPEALS

RE: Case R-83-62-A Cycle 3, Item 8 Northeast corner of York Road and Aigburth

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioner

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MR. CLERK:

Please issue a Summons for the following to appear on Tuesday, November 9, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 218, Old Courthouse, Towson, Maryland to appear and testify for the Petitioner.

> Michael S. Flanigan Engineering Associate II Department of Traffic Engineering

to have and bring with him his file for this Item No. 8, Cycle 3.

Michael P. Tanczyn 118 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 00296-8823

10/27/82 18ttorney for Petitioner

Please strve the above summon

Edith T. Eisenhart, Adm. Secretary County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Joseph L. Soley Case No. R-83-62-A

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the aforegoing Certificate of Notice has been mailed to Joseph L. Soley, 8001 York Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Petitioner; Michael P. Tanczyn, Erq., 118 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for Petitioner; Alice Held, 2 Aigburth Rd., Towson, Md. 21204; Charles Briggeman, 18 1/2 Cedar Ave., Towson, Md. 21204; Thomas W. Valenti, Pres., Towson Manor Assoc., 72 Cedar Ave., Towson, Md. 21204; Mrs. George Christie, 8011 York Rd. Apt. C-8, Towson, Md. 21204; Gertrude Muth, 8013 York Rd., Apt. B-8, Towson, Md. 21204; and John W. Hessian, Esq., Court House, Towson, Md. 21204, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, on this 8th day of April, 1983.

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

JOSE H L. SOLEY BOARD OF APPEALS Petitioner RE: Case R-8 -62A BALTIMORE COUNTY ************ STATEMENT TO ACCOMPAN PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION TO 0-2 AND VARIANCES NORTHEAST CORNER YORK AND AIGBURTH ROADS JOSEPH L. SOLEY

PETITIONER

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS:

1955 - RA 6, Family residential,

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MICHAEL P. TANGZYN

Please accept this written statement as a supplement to our original statement submitted with the filing of this case, on behalf of the Petitioner, Joseph L. Soley.

I would like to begin with a narrative summary of the zoning history of this particular parcel and then discuss certain changes in the neighborhood through zoning and through other channels which bolster the Petition of Mr. Soley for 0-2 zoning for his property.

The zoning history for this property is as follows:

1945 - single family residential. This property was located directly across from the State Teacher's College, now known as Towson State University.

1966 - RA 6. Please note that this case was the subject of zoning petition known as 66-82AX filed by the Hamilton Park Corporation, the predecessor in interest to Mr. Joseph Soley. In that petition, the Hamilton Park Corporation requested a Special Exception for the land then zoned RA 6 for a professional office building and certain variances. That petition was filed August 24 Deputy
1965 and was granted by them/ Zoning Commissioner Hardesty on October 7, 1965. It is interesting to note that the petition for variances was requested to allow the existing landscaping, greenery and shrubber of the parcel to be saved and maintained and the Zoning Commissioner in the body of his Order found that to be a commendable reason in granting the zoning request. The/Zoning Commissioner also, specifically, mentioned that the property could be used for professional offices for the following professions:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JOSEPH L. SOLEY FOR REZONING FROM D.R. 16 to 0-2 ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF YORK AND AIGBURTH ROADS 9th DISTRICT

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

REFORE

No. R-83-62-A

BALTIMORE COUNTY

OPINION

This case comes before the Board on petition for a reclassification from D.R. 16 to 0-2 for a parcel of land located on the northeast corner of York Rd. and Aigburth Rd. The site consists of 5.968+ acres and is located in the 9th Election District of Baltimore County.

A land surveyor, Wayne Masenholder, testified as to the physical layout of the property and stated that the road beds add 7/10 of an acre to the site, making the actual acreage 6 2 acres. A real estate expert, Walter McQuire, discussed in detail the use of the properties in the area and the general character of the neighborhood. He testified to the development of vacant properties on the Towson State University Camous and various other uses of sites in the area. It was his opinion that the subject property would be best suited as 0-2 instead of the present D.R. 16. The actual site new contains a garden apartment complex and the proposed building would be on land now used as open

Michael Flannigan, the Baltimore County Traffic Engineer, stated that office use (0-1) would generate twice as much traffic as the present apartment use. He also said that the rating of the intersection at York Rd. and Burke Ave. is an "F" level, (failing). Extension improvements are planned for this intersection.

The Petitioner, Mr. Joseph Soley, explained the history of the property, which he has owned since 1964. The subject site was an issue (#4-69) on the Baltimore County 1980 Comprehensive Zoning Maps.

Physicians Dentists Engineers Architects Attorneys-At-Law

Certified Public Accountants

He was mided in making that finding, no doubt, by a letter to Mr. John Rose, then the Zoning Commissioner from George Cavrelia of Baltimore County Public Works dated September 17, 1965 in which the Public Works Department indicated that the proposal for professional offices was a reasonable one".

1971 - This parcel was zoned DR 16 and it is interesting to note that the property at Terrace Dale and York which is presently under construction as an office park, was then zoned business local (BL).

1975 - This property was the subject of a zoning petition in case known as 75-139XA in which the Deputy Zoning Commissioner by Order March 5, 1975 denied the Petition for Special Exception in a DR 16 zone. On timely appeal by the Appellant, Mr. Soley, the Board of Appeals, after conducting a lengthy hearing, granted the Special Exception on April 28, 1977 and certain requested variances as well. During the 1976 zoning map process, the property had retained its DR 16 zoning and it is interesting to note that the other property aforesaid located at York and Terrace Dale was rezoned DR 16 in that map process. In the 1980 map process, this property retained its DR 16 zoning while the property at York and Terrace Dale, on the map petition of its contract purchasers, was afforded 0-1 office park zoning.

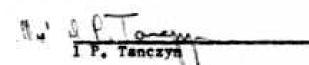
Changes in the Neighborhood - Changes in the neighborhood since the 1980 maps are numerous and diverse. I will address them in terms of those made through the zoning process including further development pursuant to approved zoning and, secondly, through other changes in the community which surround this property. This Board is certainly aware that the Baltimore County Council, through Bill No. 167-80, enacted September 12, 1980, created for Baltimore County a totally new zone known as the Office Park Zone. This

LAW OFFICES MICHAEL P. TANCZYN

legislation was enacted contemporaneous with the Baltimore County Council's deliberation on the proposed zoning maps for Baltimore County for 1980 which were approved approximately one month after Bill 167-80 was enacted in the law as an emergency measure. That legislation was modified by Bill 221-80 introduced December 15, 1980 and approved and enacted January 22, 1981. We will direct our attention for the moment to the properties which were zoned Office Park in the 1980 map process. It is interesting to note that on Baltimore County Zoning Map 3C, upon which the Petitioner's property will be found, that at least twelve properties can be found which have been somed 0-1 in the 1980 maps. Of that number, only one lies within the perimeter of Loop Road which circles the town center and one of the largest single groupings of office park zoning are found in the immediate neighborhood of the Petitioner's property. That is, to say, on Osler Drive across from St. Joseph's Hospital, a triangular parcel was zoned 0-1 which houses the doctor's professional building and, further to the south on the other side of Osler Drive of St. Joseph's Hospital, the property housing the elder professional building was also zoned 0-1. The third 0-1 parcel in the immediate vicinity will be found on York Road north of Stevenson Lane at LaPaix Lane. North of that office park, you will find the 0-1 zoning for the largest contiguous parcel in the area, both sides of York Road at Cross Campus Drive and Terrace Dale. Four of the twelve 0-1 parcels zoned on map 3C are located north of Stevenson Lane in the vicinity of the Petitioner's property which is located at Aigburth approximately one block north of the Terrace Dale Office Park. The other office park locations are highlighted in green on the maps which will be presented to the Board at the time of the hearing of this matter. It is interesting to note that in the 0-1 office park located at LaPaix Lane which was formally known as Zoning Case 75-125SPH on a Petition for Variances and development of the property for professional offices, your Board of Appeals in its opinion of April 26, 1977, noted "this frontage on York Road in this vicinity is a mixture of office, commercial, church, institutions and some residential usage". Clearly, the Board almost five years ago noted the divergence in types of uses along this

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the aforegoing supplement to accompany the Petition was mailed this 16th day of October, 1982 to John W. Hessian, III, Esq., People's Counsel for Baltimore County, Room 233, Court House, Towson, Meryland 21204.



strip of York Road in the immediate vicinity of the Petitioner's property. Another change in the neighborhood is the property located south of Aighurth Road on York Road owned by A. Eric Dott and that property was the subject of zoning case 78-276% which was filed June 21, 1978 requesting a special exception for offices for the existing DR 16 zoning on the 1.55 acre parcel. Mr. Dott, in his Petition, cited changes in the neighborhood evidenced by the expansion of St. Joseph's Hospital, the explosive growth of Towson State University and the expansion of Radebaugh's Florist. On appeal of the denial of his Petition, the Board of Appeals granted the requested Special Exception on May 9, 1979 noting the growth of Towson State University and the Newman Center as well as the Special Exceptions for offices granted Mr. Soley and Dr. Reier who owned a nearby parcel on Aighurth Road further removed from York Road a short distance.

The property of Dr. Charles Reier is located on the southwest side of Aigburth Road, approximately 280 feet in from York Road. He petitioned for a special exception for offices to locate dental offices in his existing building. That request was granted by the Zoning Commissioner in an Order October 20, 1977 and, on appeal by local protestants, the Board of Appeals affirmed . at decision after hearing.

Additionally, in the same neighborhood, the property located behind the BP station located at York and Burke was rezoned in the spring of 1982 from DR16, now RAE 2 zone. The plans for that property disclosed by the Petitioner, Mr. Mangione, indicated that a mid to high rise 15 story building designed to house and care for an older adult population would be built on that site with the zoning approval.

Secondly, there have been numerous other changes to the character of the neighborhood which have not been the result of zoning actions or petitions. First, the long promised widening of York Road directly in front of the property down to the Loop Road and further south on York Road has now progressed so far that preconstruction engineering stakes are in place along the eastern perimeter of York Road including some on the Petitioner's property which is the subject of this case. As you may recall, York Road is proposed to be widened to an 80

foot right-of-way and that improvement will certainly help alleviate traffic congestion in the general vicinity. Additionally, the Baltimore County Council, a little more than a year ago, approved IRBs to allow the construction and private development of numerous high rise residence towers across from Cross Campus Drive diagonally southwest from the Petitioner's property and up York Road a short distance. This high rise complex will include not only student residence dorms but also the dining facilities for those students. Directly scross York Road from the proposed residence towers, the office park at Terrace Dala has now taken shape and has created a distinctive business presence quite similar in appearance to the office park located to the south across York Road at La-Paix Lane since they were built by the same developer using, in many cases, similar, if not, identical construction materials. In fact, as one indicis of the character of the immediate neighborhood and, particularly, that part of the neighborhood which have frontage on Yerk Road, an evaluation of the properties with road frontage on York Road from Stevenson Lane to Loop Road indicates that the business, commercial, professional offices, and institutional uses greatly outnumber the residences in that area. Of all of the office buildings located in that same strip, none are graced with the presence of as many mature trees or other carefully monitored and maintained landscaping as is the subject property of Mr. Soley, the Petitioner.

It is apparent from a cursory review of Bill 167-80 by which the office park zoning was created that the Baltimore County Council clearly intended the office parks created under that ordinance harmonized to a high degree with any adjacent residential properties. In Section 205.1F, the Council stated: "Development and maintenance of office parks and other office building sites must be closely regulated to promote the establishment of amenities, to prevent traffic congestion, and, in general, to protect the public interest, including the interests of citizens in nearby neighborhoods and the interests of firms and employees who will occupy the office buildings". In Section 205.2, the Council stated: "... It is intended that any development in an 0-2 zone be de-

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of nearby residential neighborhoods and, wherever feasible, so that it will enhance rather than detract from amenities and property values in those neighborhoods. Any road constructed in an office building development in an G-2 zone and any vehicle entrance or exit should be situated so as to prevent or inhibit the introduction of traffic from the development into residential areas".

In Bill 221-80 enacted January 1981 which took effect March 8, 1981, the County Council repeated that same legislative intent and, in the process, altered the minimum acreage requirements for both office park zones by adding the word "approximately" in front of the previous stated minimum. It was no more than tacit recognition of the fact that office parks, whether in an 0-1 or 0-2 zone, should be created out of property which did not have the previously stated minimum acreage and accomplish the avowed purposes of the office park zone which were to create and foster productive use of sites for which RO zoning would be economically unfeasible and, thereby, not only add to the assessable tax base for the County but also create new jobs and yet accomplish all of that in harmony with use of adjacent residential properties.

A look at this area of York Road will reveal at once that the Petitioner's property exists as it has in the past as a buffer between the residential community to the east and the burgeoning expansion of Towson State University as that institution has grown in reputation and has attracted more and more students from outside the immediate metropolitan area who require residential accommodations in the vicinity. It is apparent, as well, that an office park use for the Petitioner's property may well be eminently more harmonious with the adjacent residential properties than any potential use of that property for student residences.

The Petitioner, for the reasons mentioned herein, feels very strongly that the request for office park coming is eminently appropriate for him site and respectfully requests the Honorable Board of Appeals to act favorably on his Petition after due deliberation on the hearing of his Petition.

> Michael P. Tanczyn 118 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 296-8823 Attorney for Petitioner, Joseph L. Soley

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BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

LAW OFFICES

MICHAEL P. TANCZYN

September 29, 1982

Michael P. Tanczyn, Esquire 118 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Petition for Reclassification & Variances NE/corner of York and Aigburth Roads Joseph L. Soley - Petitioner Case #R-83-62-A Cycle III - Item #8

Paar Mr. Tanczyn:

WILLIAM E HAMMOND

ZONING COMMISSIONER

This is to advise you that \$230.97 is due for advertising and posting of the above property.

Please make the check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland, and remit to Arlene January, Zoning Office, Room 113, County Office Building, Towson, Maryland 21204, before the hearing.

WILLIAM E. HAMMOND Zoning Commissioner

Very truly yours,

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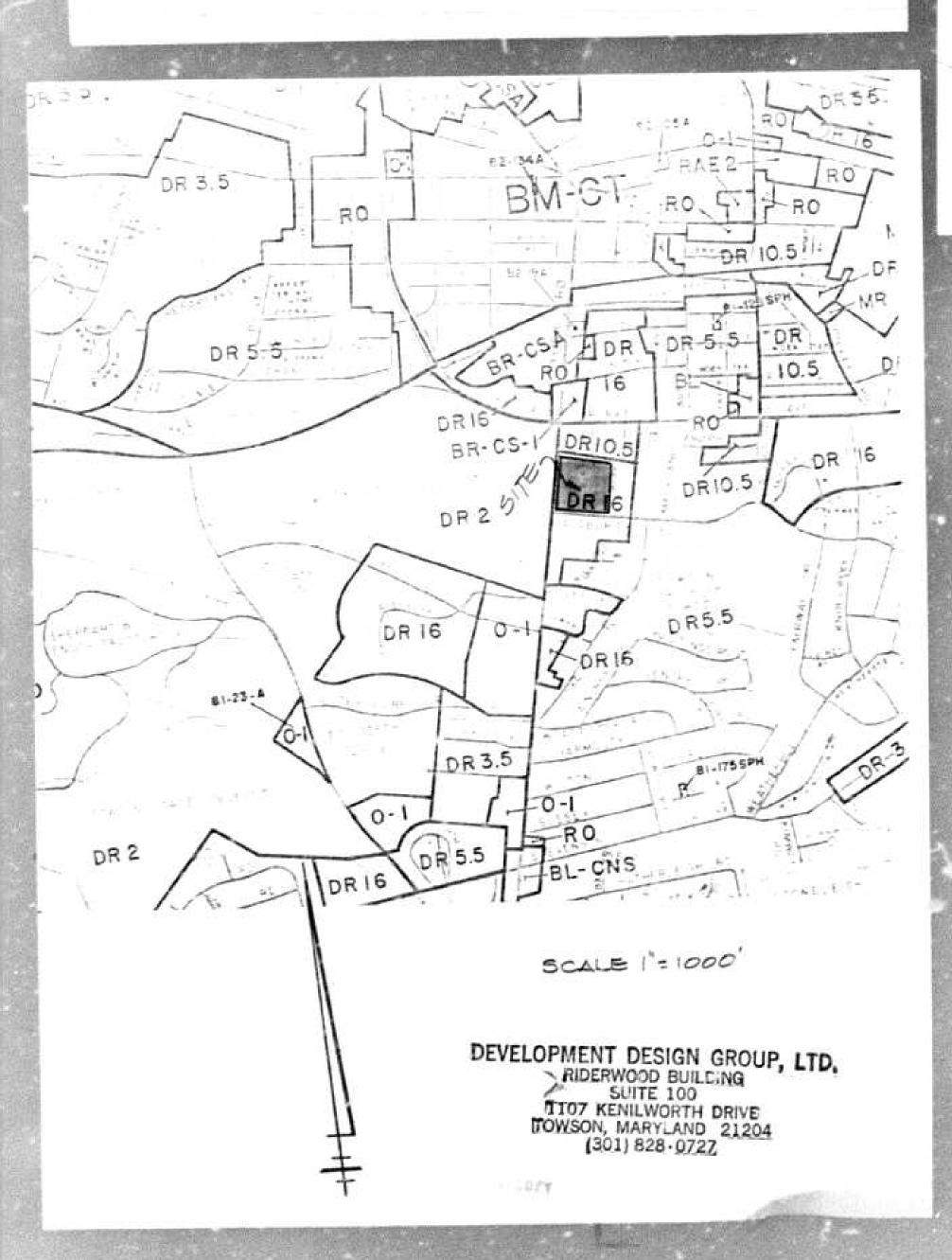
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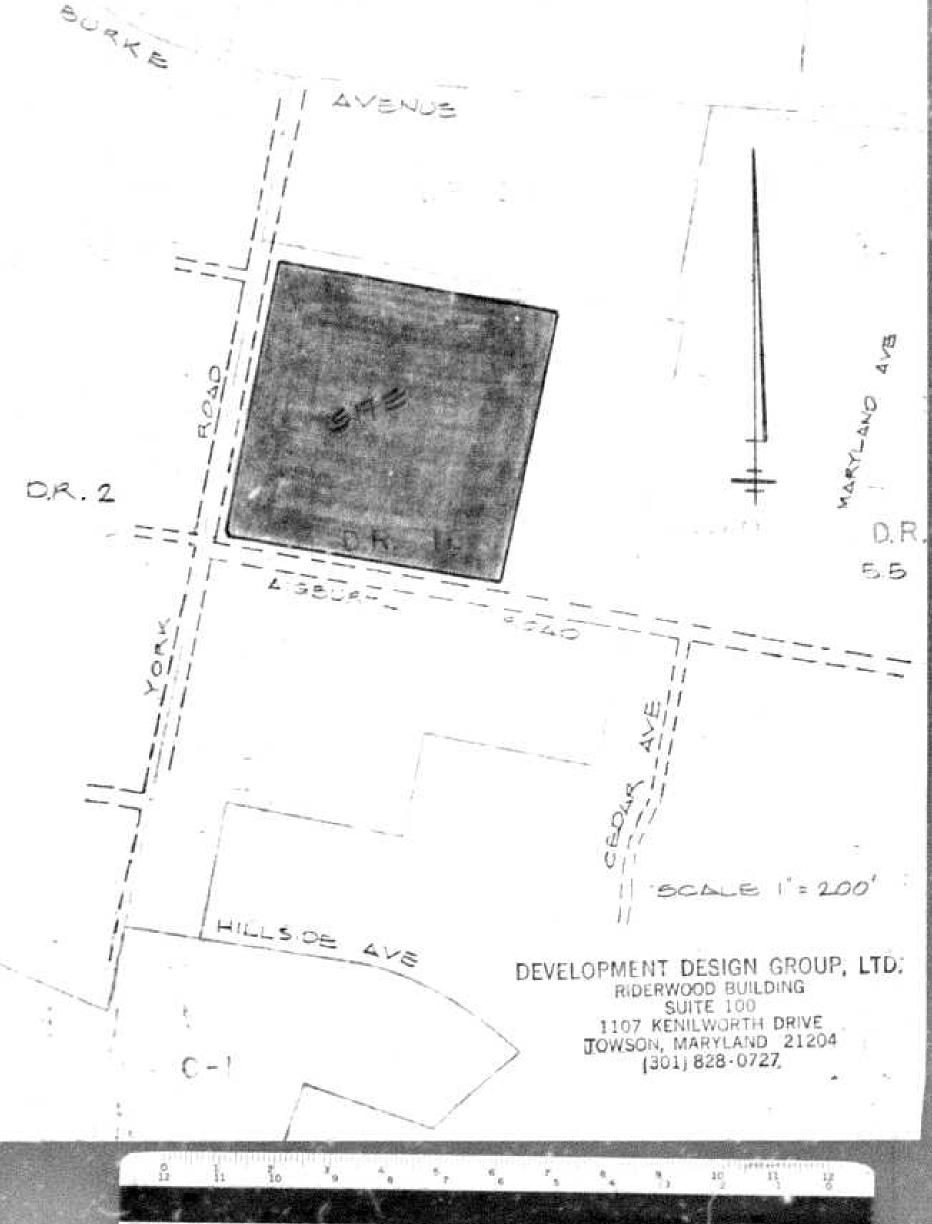
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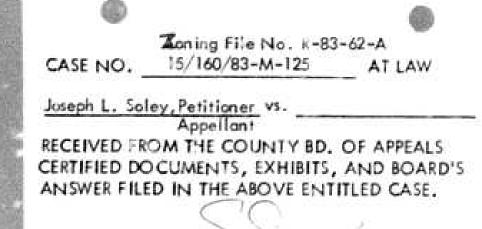
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