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VIA HAND DELIVERY

14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 Development Review Division Attn: Mrs. Christina Pompa

Re: Minor Subdivision Statement of Justification-Preliminary Plan #4-17002

Ms. Christina Pompa,

On behalf of our client Caruso Homes ("Applicant"), Capitol Development Design Incorporated, hereby submits the Statement of Justification in support of a Limited Minor/Staff Level Review process for the Application No. 4-17002, in accordance to with the standards of section 24-117 of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance.

Description and location of the properties:

Parcels 156, A and B are located at 2504 Washington Overlook Dr., Fort Washington MD. 20744. Caruso Home Builder and Washington Overlook Homeowners Association, INC. are the owners of 1.3752-acre parcel of land known as Parcel 156 (L. 36728, F. 582), 0.5506-acre parcel known as Parcel A (L.28205, F.255), and 0.0584-acre parcel known as Parcel E (L.28205,F. 255) Tax Map114/D2. The properties are in the 5th Election District of Prince Georges County, Maryland, and they are zoned R-E.

The entire north, east, south and west common boundaries are surrounded by single family dwellings.

On February 4th 2003, the Prince Georges County Planning Board approved the Preliminary Subdivision Plan 4-02068, which contains parcels A and E. Parcel 156 obtained a building permit on May 15th 2015 to build a single family dwelling.

Parcel A which is subject of this justification is one of the 4 parcels conveyed to the Washington Overlook Home Owners Association, and is being used as open space. Parcel 156 and E contain a single family dwelling.

General Description of proposed use and the request:

This application request the approval of the resubdivision of Parcels 156, A and E into two legal lots that will comply with all current requirements of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance.

Parcel 156 and E were acquired by Caruso Homes on February 26th 2015. On the same year Caruso Homes obtained a building permit for a single family dwelling unit. This single family dwelling unit was finished in 2016 and is used as Model Home for the Washington Overlook Subdivision.

During the approval of Preliminary Plan 4-02068, Parcel E was dedicated to Carlos Turner and Vanesa Jackson. This parcel was purchased by Caruso Homes at the same time of the acquisition of Parcel 156. Parcels A and E were subsequently recorded as Final Plat REP204@53 on Dec 16th 2004. Per final plat, the development of Parcel A is subject to the conditions of approval attached to the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, 4-02068.

Parcel A has a Preliminary Plan 4-02068, which was approved by Planning Board (Resolution PGCPB 03-12) on February 4th 2003 for 89 lots, 5 out-lots and 4 parcels. Subsequently, a Limited Detailed Site Plan (LDSP) #DSP-06065 was approved to evaluate the landscaping associated with storm water management facilities located on Parcels B and D. Parcel A was not part of the LDSP-06065 evaluation. Currently, this Parcel is owned by Washington Overlook Home Owners Association (WOHOA); however, there is purchase contract between Caruso Homes and WOHOA. This contract will be executed once the new Preliminary Plan is approved

The certified TCP2/061/05, which contains Parcel A, was approved on April 19th 2005. This TCP2 is being reviewed by MNCPPC and contains the separation of Parcel A from the Washington Overlook Subdivision.

In addition, a TCP1 has been submitted to MNCPPC as a supporting and requiring document of the proposed Preliminary Plan.

A letter of Natural Resource Inventory Equivalency (NRI-163-14) was granted on October 29th 2014 for parcels 156 and E.

According to environmental information provided in these letters and the TCP2/061/05, there are no environmental features or steep slopes on this site.

Description of the applicable code:

Sec. 24-117. - Procedures for minor subdivisions.

(a)

Definition. In instances in which four (4) or fewer lots in a one-family residential zone are being created; or on or after October 1, 2012 in Sustainable Growth Tier IV seven (7) or fewer lots in a one-family residential zone, which may also propose remainder parcel(s) restricted to agricultural uses; or where filing a final plat is optional, or as provided in <u>Section 24-107</u>(d) or as provided in <u>Section 24-108</u>, the applicant may follow the procedure for a minor subdivision as determined by the Planning Director.

Specific Description:

This application qualifies for a minor subdivision procedures because the resubdivision of parcels 156, A and E will only yield two lots.



(c)

Basis for Approval. The Planning Director or Planning Board shall make a finding that the proposed subdivision conforms with the provisions of this Subtitle, and if applicable Section 9-206 of the Environment Article, and Subtitle 27 as the basis for approval; provided, however, that no proposed subdivision to be approved by the Planning Director shall be approved under these procedures if the Planning Department representative or any representative of any agency that will require a subsequent permit, advises that the proposed subdivision is not in conformance with all pertinent laws and regulations

This proposed minor subdivision complies with the Section 9-206 of the Environment Article and Subtitle 27 (Prince George's Zoning Ordinance).

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully request that this application be accepted as a minor subdivision and that a Planning Director review be granted. Your favorable consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Milton Perez perez@cddi.net 301-937-3501 Ext. 104.

