



POLLY SHACKLETON
Council member-Ward 3

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

January 24, 1978

The Honorable Walter E. Washington
Office of the Mayor
District Building

Dear Mr. Mayor:

For sometime representatives of the Coalition for Planned Development have been in correspondence with you to discuss problems arising out of development plans for the so-called Rockefeller tract.

The CPED, which represents citizens of Ward III in the areas of Foxhall, Berkeley, Palisades, Spring Valley, and Wesley Heights, was set up in response to plans by the firm of Rosansky and Kay to erect tract-type development houses on the Rockefeller estate. More than a thousand citizens have signed a petition opposing this development proposal and attendance at CPED's first meeting was close to three hundred and fifty.

On December 29, CPED formally asked that you respond to their problem and specifically asked to be notified of any application by Rosansky and Kay to subdivide the Rockefeller estate. Although no response has been forthcoming, CPED has since discovered, on its own initiative, that the firm has indeed filed such an application through an engineering firm.

On January 20, CPED again wrote your office, this time with an urgent request for an early meeting, based on "all of the reasons set forth in the Coalition's December 29 Request, including the statutory requirement that the Mayor personally 'endorse' and 'approve' subdivision applications."

I regard this request by a highly responsible group as most reasonable and appropriate. I believe the citizens represented by CPED are justified in expecting their government to be sensitive to their anxiety as they contemplate a major degree of environmental and traffic upheaval on their doorstep. I therefore urge you to arrange a meeting with the Coalition for Planned Development at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Polly Shackleton".

POLLY SHACKLETON
Councilmember, Ward 3