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Hello,

Per your request, please see below earlier HP Commission testimony that was presented on behalf of the Rose-Budd family.

Title: Planning Board Item Testimony

Planning Board December 4

Item 4: Rose-Budd House Historic Site: An Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

Romaine Marie Rose
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My name is Romaine Marie Rose and I am the great-granddaughter of Richard Perry Budd and Amanda Armstead, who built the Rose-Budd home. Even as an infant coming into the living room I saw portraits of my grandparents who built this house. I will be 76 years old in a few months and it is incredible to be able to honor their memory, my family's heritage, and their contribution to the historic community of Sandy Spring.

My family, who represented the African American and Native American heritage of Sandy Spring, were manumitted before the Civil War and were given a deed of 4 acres by the Quakers. They built the homestead which locals called the Black Mansion of Sandy Spring. My family were pillars of the community and founding members of the historic Sharp Street Methodist Church. The history of my family is the history of Sandy Spring, and this designation would celebrate the unique history of Sandy Spring, and recognize the generations of my family who provided education and support for the entire Black and Quaker community. I want to thank the Board for the opportunity to speak on behalf of my

ancestors and I look forward to recognizing my property in the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*.
