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VIA IZIS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Board of Zoning Adjustment
of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment
1730 R Street, NW (Square 155, Lot 821)**

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of the District Department of General Services (the "Applicant") we hereby submit an application pursuant to Subtitle X § 901.2 and Subtitle C § 1610.2 of the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations for special exception relief from the rear yard requirements for a public education building in the RA-8 zone district.

As detailed in the enclosed statement, the Applicant seeks relief in order to install an ADA-accessible elevator at the back of Ross Elementary School, located at premises 1730 R Street, N.W. (Square 155, Lot 821) (the "Property"). Additionally, the Applicant is requesting expediting processing of this application pursuant to Subtitle Y § 400.7 and expedited review pursuant to Subtitle Y § 401. Further, the Applicant is requesting a waiver of the requisite filing fee pursuant to Subtitle Y § 1600.3, as the Property is owned by an agency of the Government of the District of Columbia.

In support of the application and consistent with the requirements under Subtitle Y § 300, the following materials are enclosed:

- Completed BZA Application Form 120;
- Letter from the Applicant authorized Holland & Knight LLP to file and process the application;
- Completed BZA Form 135 (self-certification), consistent with Subtitle Y § 300.6(b);
- Building plat;
- Portion of the Zoning Map showing the Property;

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- Statement of existing and intended uses of the Property;
- Statement explaining how the application meets the specific criteria identified in the Zoning Regulations ("Preliminary Statement of Compliance");
- Architectural drawings showing the ADA-accessible elevator addition proposed at the back of the school building and other modernization improvements;
- Existing photographs of the Property;
- A waiver of the Applicant's right to a public hearing made on the appropriate form provided by the Director pursuant to Subtitle Y § 401.3;
- A written summary of the testimony of all witnesses (in the event expedited review is not granted);
- The name and mailing address of the owners of all property located within 200 feet of the Property, in both list and mailing label format;
- A statement of the efforts made by the Applicant to apprise the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") of this application (included within the Preliminary Statement of Compliance);
- Letters in support of the application; and
- Certificate of service demonstrating that the Office of Planning and ANC 2B have been provided a copy of the application (*see* end of this cover letter).

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Board proceed with the expedited processing and review of this application. We appreciate your consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl.

cc: Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 10, 2020, a copy of the foregoing application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment was served upon the Office of Planning and the affected ANC at the addresses provided below:

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