

District of Columbia Office of Planning

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: ✓ Stephen Cochran, AICP, Case Manager
Joel Lawson, Associate Director Development Review

DATE: January 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Clarification of the Office of Planning Recommendation on the Request for Closed Court Relief in
BZA Case No.18289 – 443-459 I Street, NW -- Square 516, Lots 812-815 and 876

The Office of Planning (OP) has reviewed the video recording of the hearing for this case and wishes to clarify that OP recommended the Board approve the requested relief from § 776.4's closed court area requirements.

In its December 6, 2011 report to the Board OP stated that, although granting relief would not likely pose substantially negative impacts on surrounding properties or the zoning regulations, OP could not yet recommend the Board approve this relief request because the applicant had not demonstrated that the property is subject to an exceptional condition resulting in a practical difficulty in meeting the court standards.

The additional information supplied in the applicant's December 12, 2011 supplemental filing and in the applicant's hearing testimony enabled OP to revise its earlier statement and to recommend the Board approve the requested close court relief.

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