

April 2, 2013

Mr. Lloyd Jordan, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment

Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 200 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case Number 18376/ Application of Cornelle B. Smith for 3453 Holmead Place, NW

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Dear Mr. Lloyd:

At its July 2012 meeting for which due notice was given and a quorum was present, ANC1A voted with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 4 abstentions to support a resolution in support of the variances requested by Mr. Cornelle Smith in the above-referenced BZA Case.

Initially, the Commissioner for the single member district introduced a resolution in opposition to the requested variances. However, no one seconded the motion to oppose the variances and the motion failed.

Many of the Commissioners were moved by the evidence and testimony of Mr. Cornelle Smith. As such Commissioner Dotti Love-Wade made a motion to issue a resolution to support the variances requested by Mr. Smith, which passed (see votes above). Financial hardship has been successfully used to grant variances to many developers. It should also be noted that not one of the Commissioners present voted against the resolution to support the variances.

However, after the public meeting ANC1A dropped the ball and did not get the necessary documentation to the Board of Zoning. A request was sent to the Chairman and the Secretary to assist in resolving this matter and getting a letter to the Board of Zoning, but unfortunately that never happened. The Commissioners that voted to support Mr. Smith's variance requests felt very bad that our failure to follow through may have had an impact on your decision. We ask that you not penalize Mr. Smith, for our mistake. He made a compelling presentation to us and we hope that you will reverse your decision especially, if our failure to submit the letter of support had any impact on your decision.

Sincerely,

/s/ Vickey A. Wright-Smith

Vickey A. Wright-Smith
Commissioner for ANC1A in July 2012
Voting Yes to Support the Cornelle Smith
Variance Request

/s/ Dotti Love Wade

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