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Mr. Lloyd Jordan, Chair
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 210
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RE: BZA Case # 18684 Howard University

Application for a Variance from the Parking Requirement for 2018 Georgia Avenue, N.W. (Square 2877, Lot 1030)

Dear Chairman Jordan:

On December 12, 2013, the Executive Committee of ANC 1B voted to support the application of Howard University for a variance from the parking requirement for 2018 Georgia Avenue, N.W. (Square 2877, Lot 1030)

Howard University made several presentations explaining the nature of this request to the communities most affected by this case, including the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force, the Pleasant Plains Civic Association and the LeDroit Park Civic Association, each of which responded with written support for this application.

On November 18, 2013, University representatives made a presentation to the Design Review Committee of ANC 1B, which voted unanimously to support Howard's request for the variance. Its recommendation to the full ANC 1B to support the application was based on the understanding that the parking required for the use housed in 2018 Georgia Avenue, N.W. was being met elsewhere within the parking inventory of the University's Campus Master Plan. All of the Howard University Hospital employees who work in the building use assigned parking spaces on other Howard University lots, and visitors to the building arrive on foot, by public transportation, or use the more convenient visitor parking lot in front of the hospital across the street.

The parking space required for 2018 Georgia Avenue is located on Eighth Street, N.W., Square 2877, Lot 967, directly behind, across the alley and to the west of these offices. Its inconvenient location, the frequent dumping that took place there, and the University's attempts to reduce the incidence of dumping by fencing in the property, have long rendered the property unsuitable for meeting the parking requirement. The BZA's approval of this variance request would free up Lot 967 from having to be used to meet the parking requirement for 2018 Georgia Avenue, N.W. and would disencumber the lot to allow for its sale and more productive future use.

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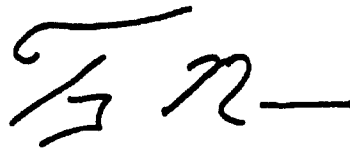
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A second presentation of this application was made before ANC 1B at its regular monthly meeting on December 5, 2013, notice for which included the agenda and was provided in accordance with the ANC's rules. There were no questions or comments from the public at the meeting; however, there was also no quorum present. That same evening, the Mayor's annual holiday reception for ANCs took place, and several Commissioners who wanted to attend both the meeting and the reception were unable to return to the ANC meeting before it adjourned, thus leaving the meeting short of the required quorum of Commissioners needed to take a vote. Commissioners in attendance at that meeting decided that the Executive Committee of the ANC would convene on December 12, 2013, when a vote would be taken that represented the sentiments of ANC 1B on this application. At the Executive Committee meeting, Commissioners voted to support the application.

ANC 1B asks that the Board of Zoning Adjustment approve this variance and give the great weight appropriate to the support represented in this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Norman'.

Tony Norman
Chairman
ANC 1b