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Dear Ms. Shirley Rivens-Smith,

Thank you for your time and attention at the ANC meeting tonight. As discussed, I am sending the info about the case. I am just learning the ropes myself. After we spoke at the meeting tonight, I went online to get the link to our case with the BZA on IZIS (their online case management system) to send to you, and I managed to find additional useful links.

Some background: It was my understanding from Mr. Richard Nero at the Office of Zoning that I should try to obtain from my rep a letter of approval. When I spoke to Carolyn Steptoe, she told me she was resigning early, but that her policy was to register no objection and allow that to stand as ANC approval. She said that if my neighbors didn't register complaints online (they each get a letter from the OZ instructing them how to do so) or reach out to her with objections, then she would not register an objection. I spoke to Mr. Nero again the following day and he emphasized that actual written approval from the ANC would hold a lot of weight at the Oct 28 hearing. So Carolyn sent me a draft of the letter (the one I gave you tonight was modified from that) to use to get signatures and told me I should attend your meetings and request a letter. Mr. Nero then told me that I didn't need to collect signatures, as everyone had received a letter, but I did collect a few anyway, from people I ran into. (And as I told you, my neighbors on either side each have given an approval letter as part of the case file online.)

Anyway, tonight after I left the meeting, I went online so I could send you the link to view our case file, and I managed to find an actual form that the ANC can submit. Here is the relevant page: <http://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx> (I pasted the relevant text below.)

While the link to the form does not work, I found this example elsewhere: <http://anc1a.org/BZA%20Applications/2013/2914%20Sherman%20no%2018500.pdf> (Note that it is filled with someone else's information.)

Since the link is broken and no one ever mentioned this form, it may be outdated. I am confident that a simple written letter from the commissioners would suffice. I can confirm this with Mr. Nero tomorrow.

To see all the documents associated with our case is very easy. Simply go to this link: <http://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Content/Search/Search.aspx> and type in our last name, Bird, or case number, 18846, then scroll down and click View Details. You can see the architectural plans, a back of the napkin sketch, the letters I mentioned, etc (see attached for a full list of all of the items.) If you do not want to create a login and access the system (it is free to do so) I can send you any of the

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documents that interest you as attachments; just let me know.

Please let me know what steps you would like from me in order to get written approval. We will be posting a sign later this month, as required, and I can also take other steps to notify stakeholders, if you can think of any you'd like me to take.

If you do decide to support our effort, and you do not want to use IZIS, I can write, print, and bring you a letter for signature, as well as scan and submit it into the case file myself. If you prefer to file into IZIS or directly to the DCOZ, that would be wonderful.

Thanks so much again, Madame Chairwoman, for your time and attention!

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The text about the ANC from the link above:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) reports must be received seven days before the scheduled hearing date of a BZA case or a contested case before the ZC. ANC reports are granted great weight before the ZC and BZA if they contain specified items.

While it is encouraged that all ANC Reports be filed electronically using IZIS, it is also acceptable to reports with DCOZ.



items in case file.pdf

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