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From: Bardin, Sara (DCOZ)
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 3:18 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Fwd: Request Postponent of Scheduled BZA Hearing in Case No. 19289

Sara

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Good Day Ms. Bardin:

This letter requests a postponement of the scheduled June 28, 2016 Board of Zoning Adjustment Hearing that will address requested special exceptions and variances for the property located at 5505 5th Street, NW. I am the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District 4D02 in which the transitional housing for the homeless is proposed to be located. I am requesting a postponement of the June 28 hearing for two principal reasons.

Foremost, the hearing should be postponed because DC Council has made changes in Mayor Bowser's plans for the transitional housing at that location. The most important change applicable to the project is the requirement that DC government buy the property and building rather than lease them. The requirement to buy the property may have a big impact on the development of the property because the required change will save DC millions of dollars which otherwise would have gone to the owners. Given the savings, the District government will have more available funds to build a facility with private bathrooms, private kitchens, and other structural changes outside and inside. These changes may enhance the living experience of the families who will reside in the facility and facilitate their transition from homelessness. As well, outer building structural changes and upgrades may enhance the placement of the transitional facility in the Kennedy Street, NW community.

Secondly, given that the DC government will now be required to buy the property, it is not clear that the owners are willing to sell their property rather than lease it which would have brought them so much more money. If the sell does not go through, the need for a BZA hearing will be moot. Accordingly, the June 28 date is premature and the hearing may be unnecessary.

Please be advised that I am a supporter of transitional housing in my SMD, as it is needed to serve people from the community. However, the BZA hearing should be postponed until the modified requirements imposed by DC Council's recent legislation can be reviewed and everyone can be aware of all required changes to the transitional housing program.

Please be advised that I am asking the entire Advisory Neighborhood Commission to vote on my request for postponement at the upcoming June 21, 2016 public meeting so that this position will merit great weight.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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