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Ms. Sara Bardin
Director, Office of Zoning

Hello, Ms. Bardin:

On June 21, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission, at a duly noticed public meeting and in the presence of a quorum, voted to ask for a postponement of hearing in Case No. 19289 for 45 days from the currently scheduled June 28, 2016 hearing date. The June 28 hearing is scheduled to decide the developer's request for variances and special requests regarding the development of the property for short-term housing for the homeless.

As the Commissioner for the Single Member District in which the proposed transitional housing is to be located, Commissioner Renee Bowser explained several reasons for postponing the hearing in her June 10 email. Commissioners and residents voiced these and other concerns prior to the Commission's vote to postpone.

One concern raised at the June 21 ANC 4D meeting is that if the District treats the 5505 5th Street location as the only location for the housing it is putting the District at a disadvantage in negotiations for securing the most competitive price for the purchase of property for transitional housing whether at that location or at another location. If the District pays an unnecessarily high price for the property then it may appropriate less money for constructing the necessary amenities to build a first class facility for transitional families and other funding that will impact the homeless. Additionally, Commissioners voted to request postponement of the June 28 hearing so that the Department of General Services can provide answers to several questions that the agency conceded are legitimate inquiries.

The requested postponement is necessary so that District government agencies responsible for buying the property and implementing the Ward 4 transitional housing project can purchase a property in the best interest of the District and its taxpayers and then determine what requirements are needed to construct housing to fully accommodate the needs of transitional families whom the property will house in accordance with the recently passed Council legislation modifying the Mayor's plan.

Accordingly, ANC 4D asks for a 45-day postponement from the June 28 hearing date.

Thank you,
Lisa Colbert
Chairperson
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.19289
EXHIBIT NO.42