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Dear Chairperson Hill:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A respectfully request the review of the Application of SIM Development, LLC, (Case Number 19572) for variances from the non-conforming structure requirements and the parking requirements at the property located at 1916 15th Street S.E. (Square 5766, Lot 845) be postponed and removed from the BZA hearing calendar scheduled for October 11, 2017 and October 23, 2017.

The reason for the request is to allow the Commission and Single Member District Commissioner (SMD 8A05) to continue meeting with the Applicant to resolve concerns raised by residents of the community at our October 3, 2017 public meeting, chiefly among them, the impact of increased density at the property and the ability of the surrounding neighborhood to adequately absorbed new demands for on-street parking spaces. Others have questioned the proposed height of the additional two floors and penthouse level and what the building design and materials will have on the character of the neighborhood.

The Commission requested the Applicant provide the community with a detailed traffic and parking analysis for this property and meet with nearby residents and landlords to discuss and answer questions concerning the development. We have also asked the Applicant to provide a community benefits agreement and voluntary covenant agreement for the retail spaces under their control. While the Applicant has expressed interest in meeting our requests, even conveying that some of the components are underway, the Commission has yet to receive any of these elements for inspection and review.

Therefore, rather than voting against the Applicant all together, we are requesting a postponement of the variance hearings to allow the Commission to continue discussing these issues with the Applicant. It will also

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provide additional time for buy-in from the community, and answer any ongoing questions, especially from immediate neighbors.

Thank you.

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