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Mr. Moy - Attached find my client, Mrs. Patton's, response to your email of March 9, 2018. Her response is in blue; see below.

March 12, 2018

Clifford Moy:

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
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EXHIBIT NO.78

I'd like to continue my objection, but from what I've seen of the process so far, I firmly believe that a decision was made in favor of the requester long before I lodged my objection.

After the 1st hearing, before my attorney and I had even left the floor, while waiting for the elevator, a young woman seated on the dais of the meeting, boldly counseled Mr. Griffin on corrections he should make to his petition, right in front of us. Mr. Griffin followed her instructions, and made the necessary changes. Strike one.

Then to further muddy the process, at three different meetings my attorney and I attended, the Historic Preservation, ANC, and an AC subcommittee, a single member, or her partner, appeared on all 3 committees!! Strike two.

At the ANC subcommittee meeting, the chairman, scoffed at my attorney's pointing out the fact that the Griffin residence is NOT a single family residence, but it and has always been a two-family dwelling. The first floor has always been a full rental apartment. Renting for over \$2,000/month. The chairman stated that the District does not interfere with matters such as this and does not enforce their own laws. He immediately took a vote, his and 2 other members. The vote was unanimous in favor of Griffin. Strike three.

Then I saw the percentage of special exceptions that are denied! Strike four.

I thought the process was very one-sided, and my personal feeling is that if it means higher tax on the property, allowing the DC government to financially benefit as a result of granting special exceptions, a party in opposition has no **chance** to successfully oppose an application. I am left with the opinion that yet another arm of the DC government operates under very loose "rules" and guidelines and virtually ignores the Zoning Codes when it stands to benefit financially.

Yes, I am reluctantly withdrawing my opposition to the special exception for the reasons listed above.

Charlene K. Patton

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