

Communications with Kuwait Embassy and the Office of Foreign Missions

Tilden 800 LLC (“Applicant”) would like to describe its communications with the Embassy of Kuwait (“Embassy”) and its efforts to address the concerns of the Embassy.

Initially, the Applicant was in touch with the Embassy directly and attended a small meeting at the Embassy to discuss the application. However, after that original meeting, the Applicant was informed by the Office of Foreign Missions (“OFM”) of the United States Department of State that further contacts with the Embassy of Kuwait should occur through OFM.

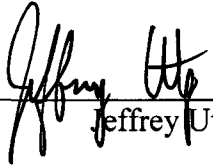
OFM stated that it provides review, evaluation and security (through the United States Secret Service) for all foreign embassies in the District of Columbia. Typically, OFM critiques the security issues involved in a project’s plans and communicates its concerns to the developer. If the developer does not make alterations to the project, and if the OFM continues to have security concerns, OFM advocates for the correction of such concerns on behalf of the Embassy (including participation on the Embassy’s behalf in zoning proceedings).

The Applicant sent OFM the original plans in February 2006 (Exhibit 141 of the record). After OFM reviewed these plans, the Applicant met with OFM and heard its concerns. OFM’s evaluation of the Applicant’s drawings raised three concerns: the location of the loading dock which was then situated adjacent to the Embassy; the existence of windows on the walls adjacent to the Kuwaiti property; and the existence of “sight” lines from east-facing terraces of the proposed building. The Applicant addressed these issues by revising the Plans (those currently before the Zoning Commission) and sent them to OFM for review in May 2006 (Exhibit 142 of the record). OFM has verbally confirmed that the Applicant’s revised design addressed its issues and the PUD as redesigned would not pose a security risk to the Embassy. The Applicant believes it has fully addressed the security concern raised by the proposed project. OFM would have appeared in this Zoning Commission case if there were any unresolved security issues.

The Applicant would like to assure the Embassy that it has been, and remains, committed to working with all of its neighbors and takes the concerns of the Embassy of Kuwait seriously, particularly if those issues involve security concerns, and will commit to continuing to work with the Embassy on all of its concerns.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this letter and enclosures were hand delivered to the addresses below on July 12, 2006.



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