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District of Columbia Office of Zoning  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S,  
Washington, DC 20001

Case No.BZATmp392- Application of The VIP Room - 6201 3rd St NW

Dear BZA:

On September 20, 2018, Mrs. Earline Sampson, owner of the VIP Room filed a Modification of Consequence to modify the current "Tavern C" license issued by an order dated, January 29, 1979 to operate as a public hall. As required, copies of the request for modification were mailed to Ms. Nancy Snider ANC 4B 5815 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011 and the DC Office of Planning. On October 12, 2018, Mrs. Sampson was notified that her application contained the correct documents. On Monday, October 22, 2018, Mrs. Sampson was notified that a public hearing had been scheduled for November 28, 2018. At that meeting the Board rescheduled its decision to Wednesday, January 30, 2019 to allow ANC 4B the opportunity to submit a letter of resolution in response to the applicant's request for modification. At its meeting on January 28, 2019, ANC 4B approved the request for modification. A copy of this approval was sent to Mrs. Sampson on January 30, 2019, the board extemporaneously changed the type of modification that should have been submitted and stated that the applicant would have to start over and submit the application again, as a "Modification of Significance".

There are several concerns about further delaying this process.

1. Mrs. Sampson followed the rules and submitted the required documents, notifications, paid the fees and followed the instructions provided by the BZA. She should not be held responsible or punished for an error beyond her control.
2. Not only is Mrs. Sampson losing money, but also the District of Columbia is losing tax dollars.
3. The VIP Room provides jobs for the citizens of the District of Columbia.
4. The VIP Room has made and will continue to make numerous contributions to the community.
5. There are several businesses in 4B that have been given a license to serve alcoholic beverages; however, Mrs. Sampson is being denied the same privilege.
6. It is critical for the growth and survival of the VIP Room to be able to compete with the other businesses in the community.

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At the age of 80, Mrs. Sampson has been a long time citizen of the District of Columbia and takes pride in the city. Her business has been at 6201 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW since 1963. The Metropolitan Police Department has verified that there have been no negative incidents at the location and any claims of such are inaccurate. We respectfully request that the posting requirements and additional fees be waived and Ms. Sampson's request be approved.

Thank You for your consideration.

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