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Sheila Cross-Reed, Chairperson
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: Request from 575 Seventh Street LLC and 675 E Street LLC (previously 456 Associates LLC) and Golden Rule, Inc., for Minor Modification of Board of Zoning Adjustment Final Order No. 16387

Dear Chairperson Reed and Members of the Board:

The Offices of Planning and the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development have reviewed the proposed changes to the referenced Final Order and offer the following comments:

- The extension of time to December 3, 2001, to allow Golden Rule, Inc., to settle on its construction financing and to begin drawing down funds from its escrow account, is supported.
- However, the Office of the Deputy Mayor has concerns about the early release funds from the escrow for pre-development costs, that would in-turn, leave less funding available for actual housing construction.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Zoning Appeals extend the settlement deadline, but not approve the requested release of $250,000 in escrow funds within 30 days of the Modification Order. For questions or additional information contact Arthur Jackson, Development Review Specialist, at 202-442-8809.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Altman, Director
Office of Planning

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