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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
One Judiciary Square
441 Fourth Street N.W.
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RE: Request for Modification of BZA Order No. 16387 As It Relates to Housing Linkage Funds Designated for Golden Rule Plaza, Inc.

Dear Members of the Board:

I am pleased to join my colleague, Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans, in supporting the request submitted on behalf of Golden Rule Plaza, Inc., for a one-year extension of time for use of housing linkage funds designated for Golden Rule Plaza's development of a residential apartment building for low and moderate income senior citizens, at K Street and New Jersey Avenue N.W.

As the Board may know, the area where the project is located in now in Ward 2 but will become part of Ward 6 when the new redistricting plan takes effect January 1. As the Councilmember representing Ward 6, I have reviewed Golden Rule Plaza's development plan and the request for an extension of time.

I have concluded that the extension of time is necessary to assure completion of this much-needed housing development. The Golden Rule Plaza team and officials of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the D.C. Housing Finance Agency are in the final stages of completing the financing package, which includes the housing linkage funds as an essential component. For understandable reasons, the leadership transition at DHCD created the need for additional time, beyond the December 3 deadline, to complete these complex agreements.

I believe the Golden Rule Plaza request is entirely reasonable and justified and I encourage the Board to vote in approval.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ambrose

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