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Sheri Pruitt
Secretary to Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
441 4th St., N.W., Suite 210
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Re: BZA Application No. 16589; Request to Withdraw Application Without Prejudice

Dear Ms. Pruitt:

The purpose of this letter is to formally withdraw, without prejudice, Application No. 16589 which seeks to establish a chancery for the Republic of Azerbaijan at 2741 34th Street, N. W. The withdrawal is necessary to provide the applicant with additional time to implement the U.S. - Azerbaijan property agreement and to further prepare our case.

While we fully expect that these issues can be worked out in the very near future, because the Foreign Missions Act and the Zoning Regulations (§ 1001.10) require that the FMBZA make a final determination on chancery applications no later than six (6) months after the date of the filing of an application, a continuance is not an option in this case; otherwise, the applicant would be requesting a continuance at this time. Technically, therefore, a withdrawal of this application is necessary to be followed by a re-filing of the application later. Upon re-filing, the Applicant will request a waiver of the filing fee due to the special circumstances of this case which preclude a continuance.

Thank you for your consideration and we regret the inconvenience to the FMBZA, staff, parties and neighbors caused by this request.

Sincerely,

LINOWES AND BLOCHER LLP

Cynthia A. Giordano

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cc: Ron Mlotek, Legal Counsel, Office of Foreign Missions
Ruth Ann Miller, Chair, ANC - 3C
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