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Ms. Sheila Cross-Reid, Chairperson
and Members of the Board
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
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Re: BZA Application No. 16592; The Car Barn, 3600 M Street, N.W.; Request for Continuance in Public Hearing Scheduled for September 5, 2000

Dear Madame Chairperson and Members of the Board:

This letter, on behalf of the Applicant in the referenced proceeding, is to request a continuance in the public hearing scheduled for September 5, 2000. This letter is also to request that the continued public hearing be rescheduled as soon as possible, hopefully no later than thirty (30) days after September 5, 2000. In support of this request for a continuance, it is respectfully submitted as follows:

1. The Applicant has been meeting with representatives of the community, including ANC 2-E, in order to resolve outstanding issues. However, the Applicant and community representatives will be unable to finalize a resolution of such issues until the next regularly scheduled ANC 2-E meeting. ANC 2-E does not meet until the evening of September 5, 2000, the date of the BZA public hearing.

2. ANC 2-E supports the request for a continuance. [See separate correspondence from ANC 2-E.]

In support of the request for expeditious scheduling of the continued public hearing, it is respectfully submitted as follows:

BZA
Case No. 16592
Exhibit No. 25

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16592
EXHIBIT NO.25

1. The Applicant's activities at the subject property include receptions, meetings, awards ceremonies, weddings, diplomatic functions and special events that are often planned nine (9) to fifteen (15) months in advance. It is very important that the Applicant obtain approval of Application No. 16592 so that it can honor prior commitments and continue to plan such special events in the future.

2. The subject property has been the subject of zoning enforcement action and, as a result, the Zoning Administrator has requested that this matter be resolved by the BZA expeditiously.

3. The community representatives with whom the Applicant has been meeting have advised us that they are in support of an expedited rescheduling of the public hearing.

For the foregoing reasons, we hope the Board will grant both of these requests.

Sincerely,

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