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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Cynthia A. Giordano, Esquire

DATE: September 19, 2000

RE: BZA No. 16569; 770 5th Street, N.W.

The following is a summary of our attempts to obtain input from ANC-6A with respect to the subject variance application:

(1) Upon receipt of correspondence from Commissioner Fields arranged meetings with him at site to explain proposal.

(2) July 5, 2000 - Prearranged meeting (at 12:00 noon) at site. Commissioner Fields did not show up. I called Commissioner Fields and arranged another meeting at the site for the next day at 12:30 noon.

(3) July 6, 2000 - Again, Commissioner Fields did not show up. Called from site, no answer, left message. One and one-half hours later he called my secretary and said he got my message and was going to site. My secretary was unable to reach me because I had already left to go to another meeting.

(4) July 12, 2000 - I attended a meeting of the ANC-6A Zoning and Licensing Subcommittee with Matt Birenbaum of AvalonBay and Eric Colbert. The Committee was unable to obtain a quorum and asked us to come back for their next meeting.

(5) August 2, 2000 - After two previously scheduled meetings and cancellations of the Committee, a meeting is held. The Committee tables action on our application, until they can obtain input from the Chinatown community. They asked us to return to their next meeting with evidence of support from the Chinatown community.

(6) August 17, 2000 – Meeting with Commissioners Pernell and Fields at site.

(7) September 7, 2000 - Meeting of full ANC-6A. We attend with the Chairman of the Chinatown Steering Committee who was prepared to indicate Chinatown support for the

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project. No action items are heard because of a lack of a quorum due to the refusal of several ANC Commissioners to come inside and join the meeting. We went outside to speak with Commissioners Pernell and Fields who indicated that they would not come in due to disputes with other Commissioners over internal issues.

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