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to: Office of Zoning
from: Andre Houston
attention: Paul Hart
re: BZA application No. 16694 (Rowland Residence)

I understand that in the normal course of the meeting on June 5, there is no testimony from the public. I am concerned that without the opportunity of oral arguments summarizing the points, the merits of this case may not benefit from a full airing. This is of particular concern to me because of the following:

- The letter from the ANC to the BZA was delivered on time for the last meeting, but was not considered. I want to be sure that full consideration is given to the ANC letter and that the Board fully understands that their previous discussion about this case was made without the benefit of that letter.

- The reason this case was not originally argued for a Variance was not the fault of the applicant. The applicant took all reasonable measures to determine the position of the Office of Zoning on the applicability of Article 2001. The applicant should not be denied the right of a verbal presentation because of confusion within the Office of Zoning.

- Only three members of BZA will be voting on this case. Because of the rules, these three must reach a unanimous verdict. Because of this requirement of unanimity, it is particularly important that full consideration be given this case.

For these reasons, I am requesting that the applicant be allowed to make arguments verbally to BZA at the meeting on June 5. Thank you for your consideration.

I also want to confirm my understanding from Corporation Counsel that should this request for a Variance be denied and should the clarification pending before the Zoning Commission concerning Article 2001 be approved, then the applicant will have the right to resubmit this case to BZA for consideration as a Special Exception.

Andre F. Houston

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