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BY HAND
Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Metropolis Development Company, LLC
Application for Variances at 2045 14th Street, N.W., Square 236, Lot 17
(formerly lots 54, 61, 812 & alley) and Request for Expedited Hearing

Dear Ms. Kress:

Enclosed you will find the original and ten (10) copies of the BZA Application and supporting documents for the above-referenced property for filing on behalf of our client, Metropolis Development Company, LLC ("Metropolis"), the contract purchaser for the property. Also enclosed is the filing fee of $3,200.00 for the application.

Metropolis has previously met with and obtained support for its proposed project, including the requested variances, from Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 1B, the affected ANC. In light of this support and given the importance of providing affordable housing for middle income families in the District of Columbia, pursuant to Section 3116.1 of the Zoning Regulations, we hereby request an expedited hearing and decision on this matter.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

ROBINS, KAPLAN, MILLER & CIRESI L.L.P.

Richard B. Nettler
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BZA
Case No. 16832
Exhibit No. 8

Enclosures (as stated)
cc: ANC 1B (P.O. Box 73710, Washington, DC 20056)
Office of Planning (by hand)

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16832
EXHIBIT NO.8