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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Room 210
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

ZONING COMMISSION
D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING
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Re: BZA Case No. 16920
1629 21st Street, N.W. Square 93, Lot 122
Marinkovich Burton Gallery, William Bass

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I am writing to request a postponement of the October 1 hearing in the subject case. Over the past few weeks, we have been in negotiations with neighbors. There has been an exchange of drafts of a proposed set of guidelines and at various times we have seemed to be remarkably close to an agreement which will provide the neighbors with extensive controls on the operation of this gallery. The conditions we have tentatively agreed to are far reaching and will assure that the gallery will not have a negative effect on the neighborhood.

At its September 17th meeting, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission offered to play a mediating role in the negotiations which, I am convinced, will ultimately prove successful. However, as of now, the neighbors have not been able to set a date for such a meeting. With a couple of weeks postponement, we are confident that differences can be worked out and that we will present a united front to the Board. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission joins me in this request for a postponement.

I am not unmindful of the expense of a delay on my client and I would urge the Board to find an early date for the resumption of the hearing, preferably two to four weeks, if at all possible.

Thank you for your consideration. Please call if there are any questions.

Yours very truly,

Stephen N. Gell
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cc: Andrea Marinkovich, William Bass, Vince Micone, Chair, ANC 2B

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