GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

March 9, 2004

INTER-AGENCY MAIL

Honorable Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr.
Ward Five

Honorable Councilmember Phil Mendelson
At Large
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: BZA Appeal No. 16988 (2210 Adams Street, N.E.) Bannum

Dear Councilmembers Orange and Mendelson:

The Office of Zoning (OZ) received your letter dated March 2, 2004, on March 8, 2004, concerning the status of the written decision order in the above-referenced appeal. Please be advised that immediately following the Board of Zoning Adjustment's final decision making meeting, where the vote to approve the appeal was made, the OZ requested its Corporation Counsel to assign a high priority to the drafting of the written order to facilitate its expeditious issuance. The OZ has received monthly telephone calls from parties on both sides of the appeal interested in the status of the order. My staff and I have continually relayed the urgency of these calls to the Corporation Counsel. I would encourage you to call Alan Bergstein, Chief, Land Use Section, Corporation Counsel, whose staff is responsible for drafting the order, on (202) 442-9777, for an up to date status on the completion of the order. It is my hope that the OZ will receive the order from Corporation Counsel in the near future. Once OZ receives the order it will immediately be given to the Board for their optional review and comments. At the end of the Board's 7 day review period OZ will promptly issue the order.

Please call me directly, or Richard S. Nero, Jr., Chief, Support Services and Quality Control on (202) 727-2806, if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

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JERRILY R. KRESS, FAIA
Director, Office of Zoning

cc: Alan Bergstein
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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

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March 2, 2004

Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 – 4th Street NW Room 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

RE: 2210 Adams Street NE (Bannum)
16998

Dear Mr. Griffis:

We are greatly concerned that the Board of Zoning Adjustment has not issued a written order regarding the community-based residential facility/halfway house located at 2210 Adams Street NE. The Board voted on this matter last September. The effect of delay on the community is that Bannum, Inc. has profited from six months of government inaction. Nothing can be done until there is an order -- no appeal, no enforcement, no redress. Why hasn't an order been issued?

We hope you will send shortly either a written decision or an explanation for the delay.

Sincerely,

Vincent B. Orange, Sr.

Phil Mendelson