Government of the District of Columbia
ZONING COMMISSION

June 17, 2003

Geoffrey H. Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment Members
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Appeal No. 16998 - Appeal of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5B Regarding a Building Permit Issued to Bannum, Inc.

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

I received a "Motion for Recusal" filed by counsel for Bannum, Inc. in the above case. In that motion, counsel claims that I am biased against his client and requests that I recuse myself from participating further in these proceedings. He further states that I exhibited bias against his client during proceedings before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (Board) on April 22, 2003.

I cannot disagree more with counsel's assertions and the record clearly shows false accusations against me. I believe that I am fully able to hear this case and decide it in an impartial manner. While I do not believe I am biased for or against Bannun, Inc., I do not believe it is in the public interest to have the Board's time and attention distracted by these allegations. Nor do I wish to have these proceedings tainted in any way by even an appearance of any impropriety. Therefore, I respectfully recuse myself from participating any further in this case and request that another Zoning Commission member be substituted in my place. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Hood

Anthony J. Hood
Vice-Chairman

cc: Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Office of Zoning

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