July 6, 2004

Office of Planning and Zoning (BZA)

Re: Request for continuance on case 17185 Scheduled for Today

Dear Mr. Geoffrey Griffis:

I am formally requesting a continuance of my planned hearing today as my public file was not updated properly for my review. Specifically, the letter from the office of planning dated June 29, 2004 from Andrew Altman was not in my file until this Friday. Although it was stamped in on the 29th when I went to check my file and or call on it, it was not there and the office is also in a disagreement with the planning office who drafted it as to when it was actually placed in the file. The office was closed on Monday for the Holiday so there is no way that I can prepare to address these last minute concerns today in front of the board for a proper review. In addition, no one called me from planning to address these concerns, which is the common practice I am told.

I did speak to Jennifer at the office of planning today and she agreed not to object to the request for continuance and that they apologized for not contacting me about the letter they wrote. We agreed to meet after a continuance was granted in order to go over our differences and see if we could come to some agreement before going before the BZA.

Therefore, I most humbly request this continuance so that I may have a chance to properly prepare for the issues at hand, which is my right under the rules and regulations for applying for such variance relief. I apologize for this delay but believe that it was not planned and was out of my personal control.

Best regards,

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