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VIA FAX AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Geoffery Griffis
Chairman
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 17231

Dear Mr. Griffis:

On behalf of the applicant in the reference case, please accept this letter requesting a brief postponement of the hearing on this matter. If at all possible, Mr. Ayala would like this to be heard by the Board before the end of this year.

The purpose of this request is to allow the applicant to try to resolve some of the issues identified by the Office of Planning in its report, and to meet again with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A. As recently as Friday, November 5th, the undersigned met with staff from the Office of Planning. I believe that OP supports this request. The next meeting of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission is Wednesday, November 10th. We believe that they will take a vote at that meeting, and we hope to return to the Board with the support of the ANC.

Mr. Ayala acquired this property approximately four years ago, in November, 2000. Since that time, he has worked to try to renovate and prepare it for occupancy. It had been vacant for a number of years before Mr. Ayala's purchase. In 2003, the roof collapsed, and the project was again delayed. In short, this applicant has had to endure a number of delays in seeing this project to completion. We hope that can find a way to grant a brief continuance.

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Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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