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Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Geoff Griffis, Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
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Re: **CONTINUANCE BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION COUNSEL'S ILLNESS IN RLA REVITALIZATION v. KELSEY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, *ET AL.*** (BZA Application #17232)

Dear Chairperson Griffis:

Yesterday, while preparing for the hearing in this case, I became ill with the flu. Although I tried to ignore the illness and continued to work until late in the evening, I simply became more sick than before. I am not in good health and will not be able to represent my clients at the hearing scheduled for today. I regret that I became ill, but this illness is beyond my control.

I ask that the board continue the hearing for a few days so that I can rest and, if necessary, receive medical care from a doctor. I hope to be healthy by next week. This morning at about 8:10 a.m., I telephoned the office of Norman Glasgow, Esquire, the lawyer for the applicant. I left a message informing Mr. Glasgow about my illness and asking his client's consent for a brief continuance. Since my clients, Kelsey Temple Church of God in Christ and the Temple Church Building & Economic Development Corporation, have never asked for a continuance except when we initially intervened on November 16, 2004, I ask that the board and the applicant accommodate my client on this occasion. After all, when we appeared for the last hearing on December 21, 2004, my clients expected to stay until the end of these proceedings. However, the board realized that the parties, the witnesses, the board, and its staff had worked for several hours and needed rest. Hence, the board, *sua sponte*, continued the proceedings until today, January 25.

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If the board will allow for a reasonable continuance for, say, one week, that would be acceptable to my clients and to me. I would be available for a hearing on Tuesday, February 1, 2005. Moreover, I would like to resolve this request for a continuance this morning, before the scheduled hearing this afternoon. Accordingly, I will telephone the board's office later this morning about this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ruffin

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c: Norman Glasgow, Esquire
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COMMENTS:
i spoke with ms. linda pelzer in the board's office this morning. she asked that i document my request with a faxed letter.

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