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October 31, 2005

**VIA HAND DELIVERY AND FACSIMILE**

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman  
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**BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**  
**District of Columbia**

**CASE NO.** 17315

**EXHIBIT NO.** 53

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Re: BZA Application No. 17315 (1200 Block (west side) of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.) Collins

Dear Chairman Griffis:

This firm has been retained by Todd Collins, applicant for the above-referenced BZA special exception and variance application (the "Applicant"), to represent him for said matter. Attached is a letter from the Applicant authorizing this firm to represent him.

As the Applicant's representative, we respectfully request a postponement of the November 15, 2005 hearing date for the special exception and variance. There are several reasons for postponing the hearing date: (1) as new representatives of this Applicant, we would like to be able to present a meaningful and thorough application on behalf of the Applicant the BZA; (2) the Applicant is still in the process of receiving development rights and record ownership of the property for which he is seeking zoning relief, and it is certain that he will not have all of the development rights and ownership at the time of the November hearing; and (3) the Applicant seeks more time to work together with the Office of Planning to resolve any outstanding issues related to the application.

The issue of ownership of the subject property dictates the length of time needed for the postponement of the hearing. We anticipate that the ownership issues will be resolved by the beginning of March, 2006, and we request that the hearing be postponed until then. We understand the impact that another postponement of this application could have on the hearing process, but we believe it is necessary for a consummate and accurate application to be presented

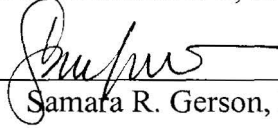
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to the BZA. Please note that the Applicant continues to enjoy support from ANC 2C, the Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Association and Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans.

We appreciate your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,  
GRIFFIN & MURPHY, LLP

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Samara R. Gerson, Esq.

cc: Richard S. Nero, Jr.  
Todd Collins

October 28, 2005

Richard S. Nero, Jr.  
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Re: BZA Application No. 17315 (1200 Block (west side) of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.) Collins

Dear Ms. Kress:

This letter expresses my authorization that Samara R. Gerson, Esq. and David K. McRae, Esq., with the law firm of Griffin & Murphy, LLP are the new representatives/contact in the above-referenced application. Their contact information is as follows:

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Sincerely,

  
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