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Geoffrey H. Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Room 210
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 17360 – Special Exceptions for 1270 through 1280 Talbert Street, S.E. (Square 5807, Lot 962)

Dear Mr. Griffis:

I represent Mr. Yosief Maharai, owner of the tract of land at 1270 through 1280 Talbert Street, S.E. (Square 5807, Lot 962). He has applied for a special exception to build 24 flats. The purpose of this letter is to request a postponement of the subject case for the following reasons:

1. I have just recently been brought into the case and discovered that a variance was needed in addition to the Special Exceptions. A delay will enable us to file an amendment to the application.

2. After discussing the case with ANC Commissioners by telephone and more recently at an ANC meeting, I have learned that some of the neighbors have concerns and questions which have not yet been addressed. We plan to use the additional time to meet with the Executive Board of the ANC, the neighborhood association, and other relevant civic associations to listen to the concerns of the neighbors and make further adjustments where possible

3. We believe we can meet many of the community's objections if given sufficient time.

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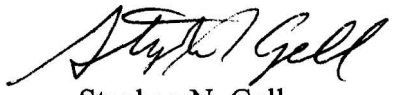
4. This is a worthwhile project, providing housing at a reasonable cost in a community that is improving every day. It should not be done without the full participation of neighbors and the ANC.

At its regular meeting on November 1, ANC 8A voted not to support the project in its current form but to join with the developer in requesting the Board to grant a postponement of the hearing.

I understand that there may be an opening on January 17. That would give us the time we need to involve the community in a meaningful way.

Thank you for your indulgence on this matter.

Yours very truly,



Stephen N. Gell

Attachment:
Letter of authorization