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Frederick L. Hill, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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**Re: BZA Appeal 20899 – Appellant’s Motion to Postpone Hearing Date with
Respondent’s Consent**

Dear Chairperson Hill and Members of the Board,

The Appellant, Pastor Chukwuma Ewelike (the “Appellant”), requests a postponement of the hearing date on this appeal, which is scheduled for December 18, 2024. A Motion is attached at **Tab A**. The Respondent, D.C. Department of Buildings, consents to this request.

The basis for this request is similar to the previous requests for a postponement, which were approved by the Board. *See* Ex. 15-18. The Appellant filed BZA Case 20941 (the “Special Exception Application”) requesting special exception relief for an alternative “health care facility” use of the property at 721 48th Street NE (the “Property”),¹ which is the same Property as the subject appeal. On September 20, 2023, the Board approved the Special Exception Application.

Since the previous postponement request, the Board issued a written order dated October 22, 2024 approving the Special Exception Application. Now that a written order has been issued, the Appellant has applied for a new Certificate of Occupancy for a “health care facility” use of the Property. Once a new Certificate of Occupancy is issued, the subject appeal concerning Certificate of Occupancy CO2102369 would be moot. Since an alternative resolution can be achieved through the Special Exception Application, a hearing on the subject appeal would be inefficient and unnecessary.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request the Board grant this Motion to Postpone the Hearing Date and reschedule the subject hearing to the latest available date on the Board’s calendar. This rescheduling will allow additional time for the Appellant’s new Certificate of Occupancy to be issued by the Department of Buildings.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

¹ The Special Exception Application includes a request for relief from parking requirements.

Sincerely,

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Certification of Consent

Respondent, by undersigned counsel, consents to the relief requested herein for the reasons stated above.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Chris Haresign
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D.C. Department of Buildings

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on this 2nd day of December, 2024, a copy of this Consent Motion to Postpone Hearing Date was served, via email, as follows:

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