



RESPONSE TO EXHIBIT 61 (APPLICANT'S REBUTTAL)

March 11, 2025

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Chairperson Hill and members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I write this in response to Mr. Ebenezer Olarewaju's "Rebuttal of Motion to Postpone Filed by ANC 8C," submitted today on behalf of Mr. John Hayman (case #21239).

First, please allow me to correct the record. I filed March 10's "Motion to Postpone" as an individual commissioner on behalf of constituents who reached out to me; this was not a filing by ANC 8C. I also filed the motion to allow Commission 8C the opportunity to ask Mr. Hayman clarifying questions and decide whether to formally respond to BZA before the next hearing for this case, which can only be decided at a public meeting. As I wrote in my filed motion, the commission's next public meeting takes place *after* BZA's scheduled decision day/time.

I must rebut most strongly Mr. Olarewaju's incorrect and unnecessarily inflammatory assertion that any part of my March 10 filing contained "deliberate misinformation and mischaracterization." The "Motion to Postpone" contained my understanding of the project (based on submitted exhibits, watching the two previous BZA hearings on the case, and a site visit) and the concerns of SMD 8C04 neighbors and constituents. I would have welcomed a conversation with or additional information from Mr. Hayman at any time, as he is also my constituent.

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Ultimately, the decision whether to extend a special exception regarding this case is yours, and I do not envy you. I believe you will honestly and fairly weigh the law and facts and consider the positions of Mr. Hayman and his neighbors in making your decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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