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VIA IZIS
Board of Zoning Adjustment
of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 21451
O'Rayon McKnight | 133 Galveston Place, SW (Sq. 6239, Lot 89) (the "Property")
Applicant's Request to Withdraw Application

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of O'Rayon McKnight (the "Applicant"), we are respectfully requesting to withdraw the above-referenced application. Subtitle Y § 600.2 provides that an applicant may withdraw an application "at any time prior to the issuance of the Board's written final decision and order," subject to the following conditions:

(a) The applicant or appellant shall file a written statement with the Board withdrawing the application or appeal;

(b) Withdrawal shall not authorize the removal of any document from the files of the Board;

(c) The application or appeal fee shall not be refunded upon withdrawal;

(d) If an application is withdrawn before the close of the record, a new application or appeal shall not be accepted for filing for at least ninety (90) days after the date the written statement of withdrawal is filed;

(e) If an application is withdrawn after the close of the record, a new application or appeal shall not be accepted for filing for at least one (1) year after the date the written statement of withdrawal is filed;

(f) The Board will grant permission to file a new application after a shortened time period only upon motion and for good cause shown, provided the shortened time period will not prejudice the rights of any person; and

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(g) (A withdrawn appeal may not be re-filed.

Here, the applicable requirements for withdrawal are satisfied. This letter constitutes the Applicant's written statement required under subparagraph (a). Because the application is being withdrawn before the record has closed, the Applicant acknowledges the ninety (90)-day limitation on filing a new application under subparagraph (d), subject to the Board's authority under subparagraph (f) to permit an earlier filing for good cause.

The Applicant currently has a pending building permit application (No. B2607450) for the proposed four-unit apartment house at the Property. If zoning relief is ultimately needed for that application, the Applicant will pursue such relief in accordance with the Zoning Regulations.

We appreciate the Board's consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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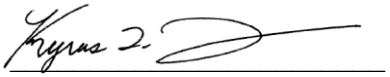
By: 

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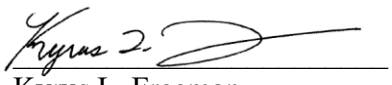
By: 

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