Outlook

Fw: FMBZA No. 21515 of Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia - October 7 Virtual Hearing Testimony Sign Up Reminder

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Subject: Re: FMBZA No. 21515 of Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia - October 7 Virtual Hearing Testimony Sign Up Reminder

Dear Mr.Hamala:

I am the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for SMD 2A04, in which the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia is located. Thank you for advising me of the upcoming hearing on the Embassy's renovation plans.

I am pleased to report that in March, 2026, Mr. Emilio Stokes, representing the Embassy, contacted me about the planned renovation and provided me with useful information about the Embassy's renovation plans . I personally contacted representatives of each of the residential buildings near the Embassy to make sure they were aware of the proposal.

On April 15, 2026, Mr. Stokes made a presentation about those plans to the public at our ANC meeting. There were few comments or questions. The primary concern was coordinating renovation activities with potential renovations to the Kennedy Center, which is across the street from the Embassy. Since that time Mr. Stokes has provided me information about the Fine Arts Commission review of this proposal.

At this time, neither ANC2A nor I seek to participate in the upcoming hearing before the FMBZA. Should this project be approved and go forward, our ANC may have interest in working with Mr. Stokes and the Embassy to assure that any renovation work does not unduly impact neighboring buildings, and is coordinated with work on the Kennedy Center if that work is initiated. But our understanding is that these details are not before the FMBZA.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 21515
EXHIBIT NO. 32

Sincerely

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Good afternoon,

This is an important reminder regarding the testimony sign up process for the October 7 BZA Virtual Public Hearing. See instructions below.

All Applicants, Applicant Representatives/Expert Witnesses, and Parties (including ANC and party status representatives) ***that plan on providing oral testimony must sign up in advance of the public hearing.****

PLEASE NOTE: If you plan to present a PowerPoint or exhibits during the hearing, please send to Paul Young, paul.young@dc.gov and submit to IZIS or send to bzasubmissions@dc.gov prior to the hearing. Late filings submitted after 9:30am Tuesday will not be allowed into the record unless granted by the Board at the hearing.

Instructions to Sign Up for ALL Participants:

Applicants/ANCs/Party Status/Members of the Public:

1. Visit the Office of Zoning website: https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Kiosk/Kiosk.aspx
2. Select the hearing date and case number from the drop-down lists.
3. Fill in the online form with the name and contact information that will be used the day of the hearing.
4. Select your Affiliation and Testimony Type from the drop-down lists.
5. Check the Oath box and click “Submit”.

If you are unable to sign up online, call Robert Reid at 202-727-5471 to sign up to testify. Instructions for accessing the Webex hearing have been reattached for your convenience.

The Webex link and telephone call-in information for the September 30th hearing can also be found here: https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/watch-live-virtual-zcbza-hearingsmeetings.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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