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July 22, 2015

Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairperson
D.C. Zoning Commission
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Dear Chairperson Hood:

I write to you on behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (ANC 4B) to request an extension of the deadline for comments in the matter of ZC 14-13, Text Amendments to Chapters 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 19, 26, 27, 29, and 33: Definitions, Use Permissions, and Size Restrictions for Rooftop Penthouses).

ANC 4B is aware that the Zoning Commission has decided to publish a notice of proposed rule-making in this matter. It has set a deadline for comments of September 11, 2015. However, as of this date, the text of the proposal has not been published in the D.C. Register. We understand that may occur on Friday, July 31, 2015.

ANC 4B requests that the Zoning Commission extend the deadline for comments to Wednesday, September 29, 2015 for the following reasons.

- ANC 4B will meet on Monday, July 27, 2015, but the text of the proposed amendments will not be available for it to review and make comments and recommendations at that meeting.

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- ANC 4B, as well as many other ANCs and the D.C. City Council, will be on recess for the month of August. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 27, 2015. Because of commissioners' prior commitments and logistical issues, ANC 4B would be unlikely to have a quorum for a special meeting in August. We cannot therefore consider this matter before September 27.
- The subject of the proposed text amendments, rooftop penthouses, is a matter of great concern and controversy for the residents of ANC 4B. The Commissioners of ANC 4B feel very strongly that they must represent their constituents by making comments and recommendations on this important matter. The present deadline will prevent ANC 4B from doing so.
- We are requesting an extension of the deadline to Wednesday, September 29 to allow time for us to file comments and recommendations after thoughtful review. We believe an extension of eleven business days will not significantly impact this case and is in the public interest, as it allows ANC 4B (and perhaps other ANCs) to contribute its comments, recommendations and advice on behalf of its constituents.

We are writing now to make our request known as quickly as possible. ANC 4B will consider (and, I believe, adopt) a resolution formalizing this request by vote in its public meeting on July 27, 2015, and will submit that resolution for your consideration on Tuesday, July 28.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Ronald Austin, ANC 4B06
Chairperson



cc: Commissioners, ANC 4B
Sharon Schellin, Secretary to the Zoning Commission
Mr. Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director, Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions