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Chairman Fred Hill D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Suite 200S Washington, D.C. 20001

## Re: BZA Application No. 19787 - Applicant's Consent to Postpone Hearing

Dear Chairman Hill and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the applicant in the above-referenced case, 2604 29<sup>th</sup> Limited Liability Company (the "**Applicant**"), we respectfully consent to the request submitted by Single Member District Commissioner Robin Hammond Marlin to postpone the Board's hearing currently scheduled for June 27, 2018. We request that the hearing be postponed on the condition that the Applicant be permitted to present the proposed project at ANC 7B's regularly scheduled meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>, and that the hearing before the Board be rescheduled to July 25<sup>th</sup>.

With all due respect to Ms. Marlin, we submit that ANC 7B and Ms. Marlin have been afforded notice regarding this application. Both ANC 7B and Commissioner Marlin were served copies of the application via first-class mail when the initial application was filed on May 4, 2018 (*see* Certificate of Service in Exhibit 3 in the record), and both were mailed notice of the application and hearing by the Office of Zoning on May 14, 2018 (*see* Exhibits 16 & 17 in the record). The Applicant subsequently reached out to Commissioner Marlin repeatedly via phone between May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project and request to present at the ANC's scheduled meeting on June 21, 2018.<sup>1</sup> The Applicant was unable to reach Ms. Marlin until June 7th, at which time Ms. Marlin indicated that the Applicant would not be permitted to present at the ANC's next meeting. The Applicant was not given any indication of Ms. Marlin's concerns until seeing that the request to postpone the hearing had been submitted into the record.

Nevertheless, the Applicant understands Ms. Marlin's concerns and is committed to engaging the community and the ANC about this project. We only request that the application be heard by the Board on July 25<sup>th</sup> so that it is not subject to a burdensome 2+ month delay for a small project. As a reminder, the minor relief in this application is to allow for an addition to a building to voluntarily include affordable units where there currently are none and where none are required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Applicant's initial contact with Ms. Marlin was unrelated to her contact with the Office of Zoning.

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Accordingly, postponement until September would have a materially detrimental impact on this project.

The requested hearing date of July  $25^{\text{th}}$  is a reasonable compromise to accommodate both the Applicant and the ANC. The time between the Applicant's first contact with Ms. Marlin and the ANC's July  $19^{\text{th}}$  meeting – 42 days – is nearly the same as the time between the application filing date and the ANC's June  $21^{\text{st}}$  meeting. Therefore, the ANC will have the nearly the same amount of time to review the application on July  $19^{\text{th}}$  as it would have if the Applicant had made contact with Ms. Marlin the same day as filing.

Sincerely,

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## **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned hereby certifies that copies of the foregoing document was delivered by email or USPS mail to the following on June 22, 2018:

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