



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C01  
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May 19, 2019

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 220S  
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: BZA Case No. 19927- Catholic Charities 2800 Otis Street, NE**

Regarding Applicant's Motion for postponement, ANC 5C opposes the request.

- Ø On December 8, 2018, a 5C01 Single Member District (SMD) meeting convened to gain knowledge of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC's solar array project. The community had several questions and concerns regarding the project that Catholic Charities was not able to respond to at that time.
- Ø On January 5, 2019, a follow-up SMD meeting was held between Catholic Charities representatives and the community with expectations of having the community's questions and concerns addressed. They were not. The second meeting was a repeat of the first meeting.
- Ø On March 20, 2019, Catholic Charities presented their plans to ANC 5C as a whole during a public meeting. The Commission also had concerns about the project and tabled a vote on the matter. Catholic Charities was invited to return to the Commission on May 15, 2019 with answers to all concerns.
- Ø On May 3, 2019, in an attempt to tackle all concerns, Catholic Charities submitted to the Commission, via email, a list of questions and answers. Some of the answers proved misleading and seemed patronizing.

Ø On May 20, 2019, Catholic Charities appeared before the ANC 5C as a whole during a public meeting. We got the same response regarding our concerns. The ANC and the community were prepared with our own research regarding solar arrays/farms and it was ignored by Catholic Charities. ANC 5C voted against supporting this project.

Considering Catholic Charities' Motion to postpone this hearing until July 2019, it provides another example of their indifference towards this community and ANC 5C. The ANC is on recess July and August, which was well publicized.

After polling my SMD members, many who are a party to this matter, it was learned that many will either be out-of-town, planning to leave town, entertaining out-of-town guests, or otherwise occupied in July. Some have applied for Leave from their jobs to attend the May 22, 2019 BZA hearing and may not be able to take off work in July. I will be working 13-hour weekdays to provide coverage for my vacationing co-workers.

If this case cannot be heard on May 22, 2019, I ask that the BZA hearing be rescheduled for September 25, 2019. This would allow time for Catholic Charities, the community, and the ANC to re-group en masse to undertake this application.

Your kind consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gail A. Brevard', written in a cursive style.

Gail A. Brevard  
Commissioner  
ANC 5C01