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Via IZIS

Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210S Washington, DC 20001

Re: Updated Materials-Amended Request - BZA Case No. 20290 - 421 T Street, NW.

Dear Members of the Board:

Enclosed are revised plans and plat along with an updated Statement detailing (i) the withdrawal of certain variance and special exception requests, and (ii) the Application's discussion of a pending amendment to Section U-320.2, and how the Application meets that revised criteria. The Applicant is requesting to amend the application as follows:

(1) <u>Withdraw the Request for Variance Relief from the 900-Foot Rule</u>: The Applicant originally requested relief to convert the existing single-family dwelling to 11 residential units. The property has 7,870 square feet of land area which would allow for up to eight (8) residential units as a special exception pursuant to U-320.2. The Applicant is reducing the number of proposed units to seven (7) units and therefore no longer needs variance relief from the 900-foot rule.

(2) <u>Withdraw the Request for Special Exception Relief from the Height Requirement</u>: The Applicant originally requested special exception relief from the height requirements of E § 303.1 in order to construct an addition measuring over thirty-five feet (35 ft.) in height. The Applicant is now proposing a height of less than thirty-five (35) feet. Accordingly, height relief is no longer required.

(3) <u>Supplemental Burden of Proof Discussion</u>: Pursuant to this Amendment, the only remaining request is for special exception relief pursuant to the U § 320.2 for the conversion of an existing residential building. On September 14, 2020, the Zoning Commission took final action to approve ZC Case No. 19-21, which substantially alters Section U-320.2. As of today, the Notice of Final Rulemaking has not been published in the D.C Register, and the revised Section U-320.2 is not yet effective. Therefore, as of today, the arguments included in the Applicant's original Applicant's Statement, BZA Exhibit No. 10, stand as the relevant burden of Board of Zoning Adjustment

proof statement (minus the herein-withdrawn requests for relief).

However, if the Notice of Final Rulemaking is published in the D.C. Register prior to a vote by the Board to approve this Application, then the new Application will be subject to the amended Section U-320.2. Acknowledging this possibility, the Applicant has included within the attached Statement a discussion of how the Applicant meets its burden of proof under the amended U-320.2.

Respectfully Submitted,

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