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## Via Electronic Mail Frederick Hill, Chairman

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

## Re: Request to Continue June 29, 2022 Hearing Date BZA Application No. 20410 - 5504 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

Dear Chairman Hill:

I am writing on behalf of the applicant, Mamma Lucia of Chevy Chase, LLC ("Applicant" or "Mamma Lucia"), in the above-referenced BZA Application to respectfully request a continuance of the scheduled June 29, 2022 hearing. The Applicant continues to address and to resolve the issues raised in Brandice Elliott's written Report to Applicant's request for special exception relief. Specifically, Mamma Lucia's landlord recently provided plans for the construction of an enclosure and gate to be installed around the refuse dumpsters located in the shopping center wherein Applicant's restaurant is located. Those drawings have been provided to Ms. Elliott. Mamma Lucia's landlord will be constructing the enclosure but will not do so unless and until the enclosure has been approved by the DC Office of Planning, DCRA or such other District of Columbia agency that may be required to approve its construction. The landlord has retained a contractor to construct the gate. In addition, the landlord does not have a site plan for the shopping center, which was requested by Ms. Elliott. As a result, a civil engineer has been retained to prepare the site plan. It is anticipated that the site plan and gate construction will be completed within approximately 45-60 days once approved. Mamma Lucia was hopeful that the site plan and gate construction would be completed by the June 29, 2022 hearing. However, it did not receive the plans/drawings for the gate construction from its landlord until approximately June 16, 2022.

It is anticipated that Mamma Lucia's supplemental filings will satisfy each of the matters that Ms. Elliott raised in her Report. At this time, however, the construction of the gate has not yet commenced nor has Mamma Lucia received the site plan.

Rather than file an incomplete supplemental filing, Mamma Lucia respectfully requests that the June 29, 2022 hearing be rescheduled to October 2022. Mamma Lucia is confident that it

Board of Zoning Adjustment District of Columbia CASE NO.20410 EXHIBIT NO.53 of the issues raised by Ms. Elliott in her Report will be resolved to her and the Board's satisfaction.

I have spoken to Ms. Elliott who has no objection to the continuance and who has been updated on Mamma Lucia's progress. In addition, I spoke to Peter Gosselin, Mamma Lucia's ANC Commissioner, and he is in support of the continuance as the construction of the gate may help alleviate neighborhood concerns regarding the trash at the shopping center.

Finally. Mr. Moy has also been notified of this continuance request.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Very truly yours, Andrew B Schulwolf

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

BZA Application No. 20410

Pursuant to the requirements of Subtitle Y § 407.3, I hereby certify that a copy of the Request for Postponement has been served upon all parties:

(a) The ANC

- (b) The ANC Single Member District
- (c) Office of Planning

Service was made on the 24th day of June 2022 via electronic mail as follows:

- 1. Office of Planning planning@dc.gov
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