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Via IZIS

Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street, N.W.

Suite 210S

Washington, DC 20001

Re: Post-hearing Submission - BZA Case No. 20437 - 1819 A Street, SE

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Applicant, we submit this supplemental submission addressing the

Board's stated concerns, including addressing the point that the building, with the proposed

addition, does not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses

along the street or alley frontage. The Applicant has taken several significant actions to further its

argument on this point, as described herein.

1) Withdrawal of a Request for Relief.

The Zoning Administrator has confirmed to the Applicant that the third-floor addition is

not required to be set back from the front roof edge. The Applicant is therefore withdrawing its

request for special exception relief from the architectural element restrictions of Section E-206.1.

An email from the Zoning Administrator confirming this has been included with this submission

(see Exhibit A). The enclosed Self-Certification has been updated accordingly to reflect the

removal of this relief (see **Exhibit B**).

2) Revised Design.

The roof deck has been revised to be setback 4 ft. from the front façade. The Applicant has

also revised the roof deck to have a railing at the front of the building, instead of a parapet wall, to

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lighten the appearance of the massing and ensure that it does not substantially visually intrude on

the character, pattern, and scale of the surrounding buildings. To address the Board's concerns

with the original design, the Applicant has added a third window to the front of the 3rd story and

has changed the cladding to Hardie plank. The updated plans reflect these changes (see **Exhibit**

C). The Applicant has included photographs of buildings within 0.25 miles of the Subject Property

that do not have a front setback to demonstrate that the proposed building does not substantially

visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses as viewed from the street (see

Exhibit D).

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 12, 2021, an electronic copy of this Post-hearing Submission was served on the following on behalf of the Applicant, Datis Properties LLC.

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