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Via: Email

March 31, 2015

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter regarding V 14-54. I have clearly heard how alarming this proposal is to you, which is why we remanded it back to the ZBA for you to have a second opportunity to present your case.

The two appearances before the Zoning Board of Appeals provided the appropriate occasion to ensure that this variance has been thoroughly vetted and give your concerns every consideration.

The Zoning Board of Appeals and their decision making process is designed to safeguard full consideration regarding any proposed variance, by carefully following parliamentary and ethics rules, as well as zoning codes.

Prior to our last discussion, however, I was unaware of the architectural firm associated with the project. Mr. Heaney and I have been personal and professional friends for 35 years. He designed my home, my parents' home, my sister's home and hundreds of apartment and condominium units that my company has developed over the years. Although I have not talked to him about this project, (and in fact have not talked to him in the last year), because of this history, and to avoid even the appearance of impropriety, and after consultation with the Cook County Inspector General, I will be recusing myself from voting on this matter.

With respect to other commissioners, as has been my practice over 16 years, I simply do not make recommendations or lobby for their vote for a particular outcome in zoning matters.

Very Truly Yours,

Gregg Goslin, *Commissioner*

cc: The Condon Family
The Honorable Peter Amarantos, Northfield Township Road District
Patrick Blanchard, Cook County Inspector General

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April 1, 20015

Chairman Peter N. Silvestri
Building & Zoning Committee
118 N. Clark, Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairman Silvestri:

I want to clarify my position on Building and Zoning Committee Item 15-0025. As you know this item is in my district, and as I stated in committee due to a long-standing business relationship with the architect, I felt it necessary to recuse myself from this matter.

At the recommendation of Assistant State's Attorney Dan Gallagher, I voted "present" as our rules do not specifically allow for recusal. Therefore, I voted "present" which allowed me abstain on the issue which was my intention.

Please add this letter to the record to further explain my "present" vote on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Gregg Goslin, Commissioner

C: Secretary Mathew DeLeon ✓

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