MEMORANDUM

DATE:

September 22, 2017

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2017-0096-A - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on September 21, 2017. There being no appeal filed, the subject file is ready for return to the Zoning Review Office and is placed in the 'pick up box.'

c: Case File

Office of Administrative Hearings

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

(8555 Pulaski Highway)

15th Election District

7th Council District

Joseph George Bell, Jr., Legal Owner

Mike Berkson, T/A That Mattress Store,

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* BEFORE THE OFFICE

* OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioners

* CASE NO. 2017-0096-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance filed for property located at 8555 Pulaski Highway. The Petition was filed by Timothy M. Kotroco, Esq., on behalf of the legal owner of the subject property, Joseph George Bell, Jr. and the contract purchaser, Mike Berkson, t/a That Mattress Store ("Petitioners"). The Variance petition seeks relief pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") as follows: (1) to approve the continued use of a second 4 ft. x 25 ft. (100 sq. ft.) illuminated freestanding joint identification sign in accordance with § 450.4 attachment 1, number 7(b) of the B.C.Z.R., in lieu of the permitted one per frontage and 100 sq. ft.; and (2) from § 450.4, attachment 1, number 3 to allow three illuminated directional signs, each of which are 22 sq. ft. in lieu of the permitted 8 sq. ft. with a height of 13.5 ft. in lieu of the permitted 6 ft., displaying a company name comprising 64% of the sign face in lieu of the permitted 30%, and for such other further relief as the nature of this cause may require.

Although the initial public hearing was scheduled for December 8, 2016, it was postponed by agreement of all parties and there had not been any activity in this case. On August 21, 2017, the undersigned received a letter from Petitioner's counsel requesting to withdraw and dismiss the petition. Under the Zoning Commissioner's Rules, a zoning petition may be withdrawn by the OBDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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Petitioner. B.C.Z.R. Appendix G, Rule 4F.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 22nd day of August, 2017, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance filed in the above case, be and is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for **Baltimore County**

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TION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at: 8555 Pulaski Highway which is presently zoned 22089/00565 & 22089/00560 Deed References: 10 Digit Tax Account # 1800014228 & 1519715390 Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Joseph Bell, Sr., Trustee of the Kathleen Bell Residuary Trust (SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING \underline{X} AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST) The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for: a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve SEE ATTACHED a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for SEE ATTACHED Variance from Section(s) SEE ATTACHED of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate below your hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING". If you need additional space, you may add an attachment to this petition) Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County. Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I / We are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this / these Petition(s). Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owners (Petitioners): Mike Berkson, T/A That Mattress Store Joseph George Be Name- Type or Print Name #1 - Type or Print Name #2 - Type or Print Signature Signature #1 8555 Pulaski Highway Rosedale MD 37474 mberks26@yahog
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BERRECEIVED FOR FILT Mailing Address Mailing Address mberks26@yahoo.com 21237 410-336-3294 Zip Code Telephone # Zip Code Telephone # **Email Address** Attorney for Petitioner: Representative to be contacted: Timothy M. Kotroco Same As Attorney for Petitioner Name- Type or Print Name - Type or Print Signature Signature 305 Washington Avenue, Suite 502. Towson, Maryland Mailing Address State Mailing Address City State 21204 410-299-2943 TKotroco@gmail.com Zip Code Telephone # **Email Address** Zip Code Telephone # **Email Address**

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ATTACHMENT TO VARIANCE PETITION

To approve the continued use of a second 4' x 25' (100 square feet) illuminated freestanding joint identification sign in accordance with section 450.4 attachment 1, number 7(b) of the BCZR, in lieu of the permitted one per frontage and 100 square feet, and

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For such other and further relief as the nature of this cause may require.

BEGINNING for the first on the southeast side of the right of way of the Philadelphia Dual Highway at a point distant 165 feet southwesterly from the intersection of the southeast side of said highway with the centre line of the Golden ring Road which point of beginning is at the end of the first line of the lot of ground which by deed dated 5/6/83, and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber C.W.B., Jr., No. 1047, folio 121, was demised and leased by Joseph P. Evering and wife to the Gulf Oil Company and running thence southwesterly binding on the southeast side of said right of way 100 feet, thence southeast at right angles to said right of way 125 feet, thence northeasterly parallel with said highway 100 feet, thence northwest, parallel with the second line of this description to the end of the second line of the lot leased as aforesaid to the Gulf Oil Company and continuing in the same direction and binding on said second line reversely in all 125 feet to the place of beginning. The improvements thereon now being known as 8555 Pulaski Highway.

Tax Acct No. 18 00014228

and right of way line of through highway of Ramp "G" (Baltimore Beltway), leading from Pulaski Highway to the Baltimore Beltway, said point of beginning being the intersection of the aforementioned southeasterly right of way line and right of way line of through highway (Ramp "G" – Baltimore Beltway) and the second (2nd) or S 40 degrees 21' 30" E 95.17 foot line of a deed from Gulf Oil Corporation to the State of Maryland to the use of the State Roads Commission of Maryland and recorded September 15, 1971, among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber O.T.G. No. 5217, folio 638.

SAID POINT OF BEGINNING being situated 43 feet measured radially to right of station 0+01 more or less of the base line of right of way (Ramp "G" – Baltimore Beltway), as said base line of right of way is delineated on the State Highway Administration – State Roads Commission of Maryland's plat numbered 41665 (Revised 7/12/77); running thence and binding along the aforesaid southeasterly right of way line and right of way line of through highway in a northeasterly direction 151 feet more or less to intersect the third (3rd) or N 23 degrees 40' E 190.22 foot line of aforementioned deed, running thence and binding thereon, reversed, in a southwesterly direction 165 feet more or less to intersect the end of the aforesaid second (2nd) or S 40 degrees 21' 30" E 95.17 foot line of the aforementioned deed, running thence and binding on said second (2nd) line, reversed, in a northwesterly direction 94 feet more or less to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 0.16 of an acre plus or minus.



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WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of Order No 4596516

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Hearing: Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3848

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the

SE/s Pulaski Highway SE/s Pulaski Highway at the south corner of Contractors

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15th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District
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property identified herein as follows: Case: # 2017-0096-A

Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868.
(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Date: NOVEMBER 18, 2016

RE: Project Name:	8555 PULASKI HIGHWAY	
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KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

November 14, 2016

ARNOLD JABLON Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

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C: Timothy Kotroco, 305 Washington Avenue, Ste. 502, Towson 21204 Mike Berkson, 8555 Pulaski Highway, Rosedale 21237 Joseph Bell, Jr., 37474 Leisure Drive, Selbyville DE 19975

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

TO: Patuxent Publishing - Jeffersonian Thursday, November 17, 2016 Issue

Please forward billing to:
Timothy Kotroco
305 Washington Avenue, Ste. 502
Towson, MD 21204

410-299-2943

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- BEFORE THE OFFICE
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- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14th day of November, 2016, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Timothy Kotroco, Esquire, 305 Washington Avenue, Suite 502, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the legal owner/petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least twenty (20) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the legal owner/petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

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Director, Department of Permits,
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November 29, 2016

Joseph George Bell Jr 37474 Leisure Drive Selbyville Delaware 19975

RE: Case Number: 2017-0096 A, Address: 8555 Pulaski Highway

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Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel Mike Berkson, The Mattress Store, 8555 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore MD 21237 Timothy M Kotroco, Esquire, 305 Washington Avenue, Suite 502, Towson MD 21204



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Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor Pete K. Rahn, Secretary Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator

Date: 10/11/16

Ms. Kristen Lewis
Baltimore County Department of
Permits, Approvals & Inspections
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the Case number referenced below, which was received on 10/11/16. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto 12540 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for 120/17-0096-fi

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact Richard Zeller at 410-229-2332 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) X 2332 or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

Wendy Wolcott, PLA

Acting Metropolitan District Engineer – District 4

Baltimore & Harford Counties

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Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor Pete K. Rahn, Secretary Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact Richard Zeller at 410-229-2332 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) X 2332 or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,_

Wendy Wolcott, PLA

Acting Metropolitan District Engineer - District 4

Baltimore & Harford Counties

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arnold Jablon

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS SUBJECT:

Case Number: 17-096

INFORMATION:

Property Address:

8555 Pulaski Highway Joseph George Bell, Jr.

Petitioner: Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Variance

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A site visit was conducted on October 20, 2016. There was no indication as to the material the proposed signs will be composed of or specific details beyond one dimensional renderings.

BCZR § 450.1 states as a policy that excessive and incompatible signage is contrary to the goals County Master Plan and lists as a goal the improved quality of commercial corridors, including signage. To achieve the stated goals all signs are subject to BCZR§ 450.1.G.1 which seeks to "eliminate and restrict signs which constitute an actual or potential distraction or other hazard to the safe operation of motor vehicles or the safe passage of pedestrians." The Department objects to granting the petitioned zoning relief as requested for the following reason:

- There is a pedestrian crosswalk at the northeast point of the subject property which traverses the exit ramp from Pulaski Highway onto I-695, the Beltway. Drivers must be able to see and comprehend critical official signage while being alert for pedestrians within the said crosswalk. Pursuant to BZCR § 450.6.A.1 and to ensure safety and the goals of the Master Plan, the Department supports directional signs meeting the requirements of BCZR§ 450.4, Attachment I.3(b) and located along the property frontage immediately situated in front of the 8555 Pulaski Highway address.
- Upon review of the materials submitted in support of the petition, the second fence-mounted "joint identification" sign more closely meets the definition of an "enterprise sign" although the Department is unclear as to whether a sign mounted on a fence qualifies as a freestanding sign under the structural description in BCZR § 450.5. That notwithstanding, for the same Master Plan determinations discussed above, the Department does not support the continued use of the fence-mounted sign. If it is the determination of the Administrative Law Judge to allow the sign to remain, the Department recommends it not be illuminated for the purposes of ensuring safety.

RECEIVED DEC. 6 DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS

DATE: 12/1/2016

Date: 12/1/2016 Subject: ZAC #17-096

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The Department recommends as a condition of any zoning relief granted that the petitioner comply with the requirements of BCZR § 450.6.A.5.

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Ngone Seye Diop at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by:

Lloyd T. Moxley

Division Chief:

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Office of the Administrative Hearings
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 17, 2016

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM: Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 17, 2016

Item No. 2017-0093, 0094, 0095, 0096 and 0098

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments.

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS



TO:

Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

October 13, 2016

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2017-0096-A

Address

8555 Pulaski Highway

(Bell Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 17, 2016.

 \mathbf{X} The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has no comment on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

Date: 10-13-2016

CHECKLIST

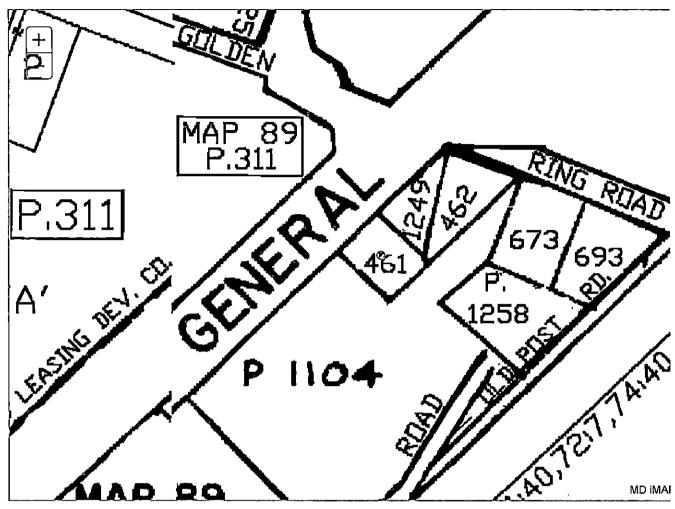
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From:

Timothy M. Kotroco <tkotroco@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 21, 2017 12:20 PM

To:

John E. Beverungen; KotrocoTowsonPrinter

Cc: Subject: Debra Wiley; Mike berkson Re: Case # 2017-0096-A

Attachments:

Berkson- Letter to withdraw Petition for Variance.pd

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Dear Judge Beverungen,

You had written to me regarding the above referenced case. I was able to contact my client and he has instructed me to withdraw and dismiss the variance petition that is currently pending before your office. Please see the attached letter authorizing same.

My client would like to reserve the right to file this matter in the future should it be warranted. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust this will resolve this case at this time.

Regards,

Tim K.
Timothy M. Kotroco, Esquire
305 Washington Ave., Suite 502
Towson, Maryland 21204
410-299-2943

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From: John Beverungen < ibeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 2:35 PM **To:** Timothy Kotroco < tkotroco@gmail.com>

Cc: Debra Wiley <dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: Case # 2017-0096-A

Mr. Kotroco,

The petition in this case was filed on October 5, 2016, and as I am sure you recall a hearing scheduled for December 8, 2016 was postponed by agreement of all parties. There has not been any activity in this case and our office would like to close the file. Or, if you would prefer, you can withdraw in writing the petition which was filed in this case, as permitted

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Can you at your earliest convenience please let Ms. Wiley know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you.

John Beverungen

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305 Washington Avenue, Suite 502 Towson, Maryland 21204 410-299-2943 Tkotroco@gmail.com

August 21, 2017

The Honorable John E. Beverungen Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Case No. 2017-0096-A Request for withdrawal of petition

Dear Judge Beverungen:

The applicants in the above-referenced case, Mike Berkson T/A That Mattress Store and Joseph Bell, Jr., wish to withdraw and dismiss their petition for variance that is pending before your office. The matter came in for a hearing but was postponed indefinitely. My clients wish to withdraw and dismiss their petition at this time but would like to reserve the right to re-file this case in the future.

Thank you for you attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

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John Beverungen

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From:

John E. Beverungen

Sent:

Thursday, December 08, 2016 10:12 AM

To:

Debra Wiley; Sherry Nuffer; Kristen L Lewis; hb3@hb3law.com; Timothy M. Kotroco

Subject:

Case # 2017-0096

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John Beverungen ALI

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