



Re: C15-2019-0052

August 27, 2019

Dear Vice Chair Hawthorne and Board of Adjustment Members:

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Dear Ms. Ramirez,

Unfortunately we have been out of town and have not had an opportunity to comment on the above referenced case coming before the Board of Adjustment on September 9, 2019. We would like to be on the record as wholeheartedly supporting this application for a variance. We feel this is a worthwhile project for our neighborhood and hope the board will see fit to approve the request.

Thank you,
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