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Alan Stephenson, Director
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City of Phoenix
200 West Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Continuance of Z-24-12-6 at March 2, 2016 City Council Hearing

Dear Alan,

The purpose of this correspondence is to request that the above-referenced matter be continued until December 7, 2016. This continuance would permit our representatives sufficient time to identify and collaborate with potential educational, cultural and community partners to develop mutually agreeable preservation plans and operational plans that ensure:

- Restoration of the David Wright House and guest house;
- Revenue for ongoing maintenance and operations;
- Philanthropic partners committed to advancing the Foundation's mission; and
- Educational and cultural partners committed to developing and participating in both K-12 and college level educational programming, and cultural programming for the broader community.

It is imperative all of these issues be addressed in collaboration with potential partner organizations prior to the filing of the Special Permit.

On May 7, 2016, we will complete our last in a series of free educational workshops presented to over 200 students in grades 2 through 8, designed in partnership with the Rodel Foundation of Arizona. In these workshops students participated in a hands-on learning curriculum that featured grade-level specific activities tied Arizona's math standards using the geometric patterns and fundamental mathematic, architectural and engineering principles found throughout the House in its majestic setting at the base of Camelback Mountain.

The success of the partnership with Rodel Foundation inspired the David Wright House to expand its search for partners, including institutions of higher learning, to advance the mission to preserve, celebrate and inspire future generations through the active preservation of the David Wright House.

To reflect my client's good faith while pursuing these collaborative discussions, if the requested continuance is granted we will suspend all third party uses of the Property following May 7, 2016, including tours, until December 2016. The one exception to this commitment is a previously scheduled neighborhood wedding ceremony (not reception) in November 2016.

It is our goal to complete our partnership discussions prior to the end of the year and provide the City with a long-term plan for the preservation of the David Wright House. We will, of course, keep you, the Mayor and Council, updated as these discussions mature and ask for your patience and goodwill in permitting us to go about our work.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly. We greatly appreciate your thoughtful consideration and hopeful support of this request.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa P. Hickman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Hickman