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Staley, Angelina

From: Rosenson, Valerie
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 10:41 AM
To: bor_lu-urc@stamfordct.gov
Cc: Nabel, Susan
Subject: Fw: TIME LIFE APPEAL

Please see the response below from Ralph Blessing

From: Blessing, Ralph
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 10:10 AM
To: Rosenson, Valerie
Subject: RE: TIME LIFE APPEAL

Valerie,

The below numbers are based on applications received on or after January 1, 2013 to present. There was a total of 431 applications

| | Special Exception | Text Change |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------|
| approved | 40 | 42 |
| approved with changes / modifications | 44 | 29 |
| denied | 2 | 4 |
| Withdrawn by applicant | 13 | 9 |
| pending | 5 | 13 |
| total | 104 | 97 |

A little bit of context for these numbers

1. We don't keep a record of applications that never make it to a formal application; I would estimate that the number of inquiries about applications is 25-35% higher than what actually ends up as a filed application
2. As I hope I made clear previously, "Special Exception" is somewhat of a misnomer – the Special Exception process is an approval process that is more stringent, because it requires applicants to meet additional conditions in the Zoning, in particular Section 19.3. In many parts of the country they are therefore called "Special Permits"
3. Approval rates are lower than in NYC, the only place I have specific knowledge of – in NYC approval rates are usually above 95%

I'm a bit short staffed today but I will get you remaining item 3 asap (it should be in the documentation we have already submitted to you).

Ralph

From: Rosenson, Valerie
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:52 PM
To: Blessing, Ralph
Subject: Fwd: TIME LIFE APPEAL

Please see the email below.
Sent from my iPhone, please excuse any typos.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "de la Cruz, Virgil" <VdelaCruz@StamfordCT.gov>
Date: July 25, 2018 at 7:55:47 PM EDT
To: "Rosenson, Valerie" <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>
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Subject: TIME LIFE APPEAL

Valerie,

Given matters discussed at the last two LU Committee meetings, could you please request the following information.

1. Over the last five years, the number of special exceptions applications applied and the number denied.
2. Over the last five years, the number of text changes applications and the number denied.
3. A copy of the comprehensive study of the impact of the approved text change on the remaining 5 C-D districts.

Many thanks,

Virgil