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Dear Manny;

Now that the "saga" of our protesting the Museum of Arts & Sciences alcoholic beverage license application is about complete, its time for me to thank you on behalf of The Ventana and Mather Studios residents for the outstanding work you did in representing our interests. As you know, I led The Ventana/Mather Studios Team. The Voluntary Agreement (VA) has been negotiated with your support, signed and we have begun a mutually agreeable working relationship with The Museum.

Throughout the entire almost 6 month process, you stood steadfastly with us, providing advice and counsel based on your experience, skill and knowledge, that was invaluable in defining and supporting the position of the residents. Your knowledge of ABRA regulation and your network of contacts both inside and outside of ABRA was far beyond our expectation and was instrumental in achieving an agreement with The Museum so quickly.

As the situation changed, your flexibility was remarkable. Also remarkable was your strategic view. You prepared multiple documents to support our case, including a Motion to Dismiss and then a Motion to Deny. You understood that the Motion to Dismiss would likely not be accepted by ABRA, but you knew that strategy would result in ABRA requiring documentation that had not previously been presented by The Museum.

Your investigative work to support the Motion to Deny was truly "above & beyond". That Motion to Deny was the leverage which led to the Museum's rapid concurrence on the provisions of the VA. That concurrence led to our withdrawal of the Motion to Deny and even though you worked so hard to build an almost "airtight" case, you were supportive in advising us how to work the withdrawal to our best advantage.

You maintained communication so that we always knew what was happening. Your presence at the hearings helped immeasurably in supporting our position. Securing the funds required to retain you was problematic in a condo setting with many residents. Yet you always continued to work even though it took longer than we hoped to secure that funding.

In short Manny, we're fortunate to have had you as our Attorney and frankly, our friend in this case which was and still is so important to us all. Its positive resolution is due in large part to your work in representing us.

With Warm Regards
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