

PARTY STATUS APPLICATION

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I, hereby request to appear and participate as a party.

Signature: *Gordon S. Swartz* Date:* 02/02/2004

Will you appear as a(n)

Proponent

Opponent

Will you appear through legal counsel

Yes

No

If yes, please enter the name and address of such legal counsel.

Name: I authorize Kalorama Citizens Association to present me, and to bind me in this appeal.

Address: City: State: Zip:

Phone: Fax: Email:

Please answer all of the following questions referencing why the above person should be granted party status.
(If you require additional space, please attach an additional sheet.)

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 17109A
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1). How will the property owned or occupied by such person, or in which the person has an interest be affected by the action requested of the Board?*

I own and reside in the "B" apartment of 1823 Belmont Rd, NW. The property that is the subject of the appeal (1819 Belmont Rd, NW) extends approximately **THREE FLOORS ABOVE THE EXISTING ROOFLINE**. It is architecturally unsuited to the rest of the buildings on the block; it ruins the view; it invades my privacy with terraces that overlook my living space and it blocks the sunshine from a significant part of our shared courtyard. (Please see attached pictures.)

2). What legal interest does the person have in the property? (i.e. owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee)*

I have no ownership or legal interest in the property that is the subject of the appeal (1819 Belmont Rd, NW).

3). What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the appeal or application before the Board? (Preferably no farther than 200ft.)*

I own and reside in the "B" apartment of 1823 Belmont Rd, NW which is **LESS THAN 30 FEET** from the property that is the subject of the appeal (1819 Belmont Rd, NW). (Please see attached pictures.)

4). What are the environmental, economic or social impacts that are likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Board is approved or denied?*

The property that is the subject of the appeal (1819 Belmont Rd, NW) has been built too high. It appears to be approximately **THREE FLOORS HIGHER** than any of the surrounding buildings. It blocks the ~~eastern~~ ^{east} view and creates an unattractive, imposing "watchtower" over our residential street. It also reduces my privacy as they apparently have built several terraces overlooking my living space. (Please see attached pictures.)

5). Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Board is approved or denied.*

By over-building and over-crowding the original townhouse footprint, the property that is the subject of the appeal (1819 Belmont Rd, NW) will also **WORSEN THE STREET'S ALREADY SEVERE PARKING PROBLEMS, SEVERE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND SEVERE TRAFFIC NOISE**. Belmont Rd is already extremely busy, particularly on weekends. With these overbuilt units, there will be a greater unmet demand for parking spaces and there will be more traffic on a street that is already plagued by bumper-to-bumper traffic and honking horns on the weekends.

6). Explain how the person's interest will be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than that of other person's in the general public.*

The property that is the subject of the appeal (1819 Belmont Rd, NW) has been built too high. It appears to be approximately **THREE FLOORS HIGHER** than any of the surrounding buildings. It overlooks **MY** living space; it reduces **MY** privacy; and it blocks **MY** view of the ~~eastern~~ ^{east} sunrise. Each of these effects will reduce the comfort and value of **MY** home.

VIEW FROM
1823 BELMONT
ROAD, NW, "B"
LOOKING
NORTHEAST



THREE
FLOORS
ABOVE
EXISTING
ROOFLINE:
"WIDOW'S
WALK AND
TERRACE
SPACE"



FROM 1823 BELMONT RD, NW
UNIT "B"

LOOKING EAST-NORTH-EAST

← THREE FLOORS + ABOVE EXISTING ROOF →

