Form 140
(Revised 1/1/11)

Case No. 18240

FORM 140 - PARTY STATUS REQUEST

Before completing this form, please review the instructions on the reverse side.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU SIMPLY WISH TO TESTIFY AT THE HEARING. COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WISH TO BE A PARTY IN THIS CASE.
(Please see reverse side for more information about this distinction.)

NAME: Last	First	Middle I.
OTTEN	CHRIS	

ADDRESS: Street	Apt. # (if any)	City	State	Zip Code
1830 BELMONT RD NW		WDC		20009

Phone No.	Fax No.	E-Mail
202 536 4065		

I hereby request to appear and participate as a party. Signature: [signature] Date: 7/6/11

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: Last	First	Middle I.

ADDRESS: Street	District of Columbia Ste. # (if any)	City	State	Zip Code

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WITNESS INFORMATION:

On a separate piece of paper, please provide the following witness information:

1. **A list of witnesses who will testify on the person's behalf;** — affadavits
2. **A summary of the testimony of each witness (*Zoning Commission only*);**
3. **An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any experts will be offered, and the resumes or qualifications of the proposed experts (*Zoning Commission only*); and**
4. **The total amount of time being requested to present your case (*Zoning Commission only*).**

PARTY STATUS CRITERIA:

On a separate piece of paper, please answer all of the following questions referencing why the above entity should be granted party status:

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 Commission/Board?** Neighboring properties - all within 200 feet fire safety - access, light, air
2. **What legal interest does the person have in the property? (i.e. owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee)** Tenants, tenant assoc leaders, owners as coop members
3. **What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the appeal or application before the Commission/Board? (Preferably no farther than 200ft.)** less than 200 feet - 20 feet
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 Commission/Board is approved or denied?** IF APPROVED - ELIMINATION OF FIRE + SAFETY ACCESS POINT + LIGHT + AIR, OVERCROWD
5. **Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied.** See affadavits
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 persons in the general public.** DIRECTLY impacted by project

Except for the applicant, appellant or the ANC, to participate as a party in a proceeding before the Commission/Board, any affected person shall file with the Zoning Commission or Board of Zoning Adjustment, this Form 140 not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the hearing.

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BZA Case #18240
Party Status

Per the prior BZA Case #18151, where I was granted Intevenor status based upon affidavits of surrounding neighbors, I submit this form to request party status for BZA Case #18240.

Both BZA Case #18151 and BZA Case #18240 both contend with the same issue, zoning regulations regarding the Mount Pleasant Library project.

We seek party status in this case to reflect the concerns and facts around this project which impacts these residents directly as neighbors living withing 200 feet of the project.

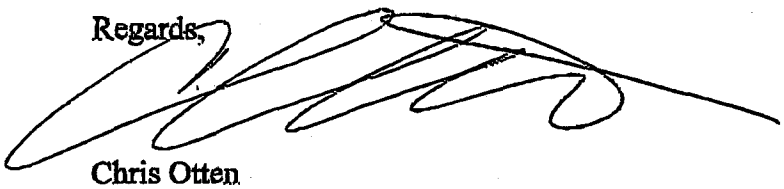
Affidavits show that Chris Otten can represent these concerns to the BZA:

- Evelyn Brewster, and the Park Marconi
- Yasmin Romero and the now-named Oscar Romero Apartments
- Rosa Rivas, Adelante Cooperative

The affidavits are on file already within case file #18151.

Submitted by Chris Otten on July 6, 2011 by facsimile.

Regards,



Chris Otten
Community Organizer, Ward One Library Coalition
ANC Commissioner 1C02 (2009-2010)

Affidavit of Yasmin Romero-Castillo, President of the 3145 Mount Pleasant Street Tenants' Association

My name is Yasmin Romero-Castillo. I am of legal age, and currently reside at

3354 MOUNT PLEASANT STREET #9 NW DC 20010

Affidavit Deed.

- DC Public Library have proposed plans to renovate and expand the Mount Pleasant Library, located at 3160 Lamont Street, NW, Washington, DC.
- The proposed plans call for a three-story expansion off the back of the original library building, extending out all the way to the rear property lot line.
- The proposed expansion will block emergency access from Lamont Street to the rear of the library and adjacent Mount Pleasant apartment buildings and businesses.
- The proposed expansion will also block light and air and will reduce the quality of life for surrounding residents living in the apartments.
- There has been no meaningful analysis of how the proposed library expansion will affect the ability of emergency personnel in any emergency situation to rescue people and property of those in the surrounding area.
- Mount Pleasant Street burned to the ground in a five-alarm fire just three years ago. DCFD could not access the rear of our building very easily and in time. The fire spread from the back of our building and also destroyed the historic Meridian Hill Baptist Church, which sat just behind 3145 Mount Pleasant Street.
- Most recently there have been two additional fires (Fall and Winter 2010) that included loss of life and badly injuring several people, including children and destroying more property.
- This corridor is know to the DC Fire Department as a "trouble spot" in terms of the inability of emergency personnel to navigate easily and the lack of adequate hydrant service.
- Residents of the future 3145 Mount Pleasant Street believe the proposed library expansion plans heighten the problem of emergency access and fear for their property and lives and believe the plans risk the work of our association in establishing future affordable rental units where the Deauville Apartments once stood.

See attached exhibit for narrative of the concerns.

Washington, DC:

Yasmin Romero-Castillo, being first duly sworn on oath according to law, deposes and says that she has read the foregoing AFFIDAVIT OF the 3145 Mount Pleasant Street Tenants' Association, by her subscribed, that the matters stated herein are true to the best of her information, knowledge and belief.

[deponent's signature]

YASMIN ROMERO-CASTILLO

[deponent's name]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of January, 2011.

[signature of the person authorized to take affidavits]

Notary Public

[title of the person authorized to take affidavits]

My commission expires 12.01.2012.

Affidavit of Evelyn Brewster, President of the 3150 – 16th Street Residents' Association, Park Marconi

My name is Evelyn Brewster. I am of legal age, and currently reside at

3150 - 16th St. NW, WDC 20010 - Park Marconi

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- There has been no meaningful analysis of how the proposed library expansion will affect the ability of emergency personnel in any emergency situation to rescue people and property of those in the surrounding area.
- There have been at least two major fires in the past two years along this residential corridor destroying two buildings and damaging a third, plus there was loss of life.
- This corridor is know to the DC Fire Department as a "trouble spot" in terms of the inability of emergency personnel to navigate easily and the lack of adequate hydrant service.
- Residents of the Park Marconi believe the proposed library expansion plans heighten the problem of emergency access and fear for their property and lives.

See attached exhibit for narrative of the concerns.

Washington, DC:

Evelyn Brewster, being first duly sworn on oath according to law, deposes and says that she has read the foregoing AFFIDAVIT OF The 3150 – 16th Street Residents' Association, Park Marconi, by her subscribed, that the matters stated herein are true to the best of her information, knowledge and belief.

Evelyn Brewster
[deponent's signature]

Evelyn Brewster
[deponent's name]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of January, 2011.

[signature of the person authorized to take affidavits]

Customer Service Rep / Notary
[title of the person authorized to take affidavits]

My commission expires 1/14/15.

NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA