DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
One Judiciary Square
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Washington, DC 20001

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Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment:

In this era of fiscal belt-tightening, I find it appalling that the BZA would allow the construction of an addition to the Mount Pleasant Library (Case 18240) when it was even considering the possibility that the zoning adjustment would later be overturned. If the case was on appeal, why was the DC government allowed to begin construction? If the appeal was filed after construction began, why was the appeal not immediately dissmissed as too little, too late?

To think that my property tax dollars might be spent to build a structure that would later be torn down merely for bureaucratic or procedural reasons is absurd. The mere fact that DCPL has had to spend part of its budget on defending the construction of this addition once the permits were approved is itself ridiculous.

The BZA still has a chance to restore the faith of DC's voters in its competence, but that window is fading quickly. It is high time that the BZA allows the library addition to proceed.

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