

18263

RECEIVED
D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING
2011 SEP 19 PM 4:49

September 15, 2011

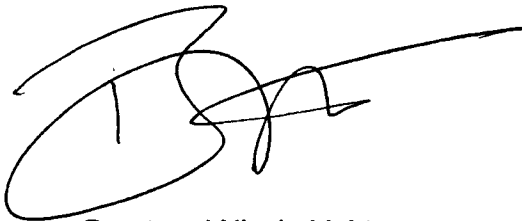
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
Suite 210 South
441 4th Street, NW
Washington DC 20001

Re: BZA Application of Jack and Stephanie Lester - 117 C St. SE

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment:

We are nearby property owners at 127 C Street SE. Our neighbors, Jack and Stephanie Lester of 117 C Street, SE are seeking a special exception of the District of Columbia zoning laws to build an addition above their existing first and second floor house. Additionally, they are seeking a variance to build a 2-story garage in the rear of their property. We understand the addition and garage will increase the lot occupancy to 69.6%. They have shared the drawings of the proposed construction that will be submitted with their application to the BZA. We have reviewed the materials and support the proposed addition and garage. The rear of our street (ie, our ally) is a mess and we do not believe that the purpose and intent of some of the zoning laws and other regulations are necessarily served here by restricting improvements such as this proposed project. We would much rather have another livable space in the alley that is maintained and inhabited, instead of a parking slab with weeds growing. Such development makes the alley a much more livable place, a safer place, and adds to the general look, feel and community of our neighborhood. We strongly recommend that BZA grant the requests they are seeking.

Sincerely,



Brent and Nicola Lightner, owners
127 C Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 18263
EXHIBIT NO. 27

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.18263
EXHIBIT NO.27