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DC OFFICE OF ZONING

December 30, 2011

Board of Zoning Adjustment for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 2105
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Application Number 18263, John and Stephanie Lester

Dear Board Members:

The Applicants, John and Stephanie Lester, respectfully request the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) to deny the request by Charles and Susan Parsons (the Respondents) for a waiver from the application of the "party" requirement contained in Section 3126.2 of the DC Zoning Regulations. We do not believe there is any basis to support granting a waiver for the Respondents.

We also respectfully request the BZA to deny the Respondents' requests for party status in our case and for reconsideration of the BZA's Summary Order dated November 17, 2011 issued for our application. We do not believe there is sufficient basis to support these requests.

We note the overwhelming support for our application from:

1. our adjacent neighbors on both sides and three other homeowners on our block,
2. the Advisory Neighborhood Committee by unanimous vote,
3. the DC Office of Planning,
4. the DC Historic Preservation Review Board by unanimous vote,
5. Commission on Fine Arts and
6. the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's historic preservation committee.

We fail to see how the Respondents would be adversely affected by our proposed project. Indeed, it is noteworthy that the Respondents recently acquired a variance from the BZA to allow a similar two-story garage with a second-floor apartment in our alley.

For the foregoing reasons, we request the BZA to deny the Respondents' requests for (1) a waiver, (2) party status, and (3) reconsideration of the BZA's Summary Order issued for our application.

Sincerely,



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