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Re: Zoning Variance Application No. 18566 for 929 5th St. SE

Dear Mr. Nero,

I am writing to give my conditional support for the variance request to expand the adjoining property to mine, located at 929 5th St. SE in Washington, DC, so long as the expansion plans satisfy concerns I have.

As an immediate neighbor with a shared party wall, I believe a number of technical issues must be addressed. Among my concerns, I believe the structural capacity of the party wall needs confirmation. There needs to be a licensed structural engineering certification that the shared wall can bear extra weight added to it due to the proposed third-floor addition, as well as certifications that the soil and foundations beneath the homes can also bear such extra weight. I do not know the construction material proposed for use on the proposed third-floor addition.

I appreciate that my neighbors at 929 5th St. SE, Anya and Chris French, who have proactively discussed my concerns with me, have proposed to add me and the party wall neighbor on the other side, Lexer Quamie, as named insured parties on the construction liability policy. We are in unique position as

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contiguous neighbors and our properties must be indemnified against potential construction damage to our homes. I would like to know whether such insurance would also cover potential future damage resulting from the proposed addition that might not surface for years down the road, or if such additional coverage could be developed.

Should the proposed project move forward, I will request copies of certificates of insurance from the general contractor and any subcontractors.

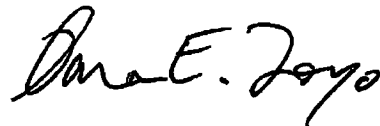
Among additional structural concerns of mine, I need assurance that the new construction would maintain the full functionality of my existing fireplace and flue, which run up the homes' shared party wall and would need to be extended because of the addition. I also need to be certain that no water leakage would emerge from the new connection where the proposed new wall would join my roof.

I need assurance that I will be covered in the incident of damage to my roof or anywhere else on my property caused by the proposed construction activity, and protection from potential liability to me in the event workers access the project from my roof or use my roof for any other reason without my knowledge and consent, and injure themselves while on my property.

Aesthetically, I would prefer that the proposed third-floor addition would be set back further from the front of the property than the proposed design indicates so as to maintain more continuity with the other nine identical homes on the block, though that concerns me less than the structural issues.

Thank you for taking these matters under consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron E. Lorenzo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Aaron" being more prominent and the last name "Lorenzo" following in a similar style.

Aaron E. Lorenzo