

RE: Application 18699

2712 11th ST NW – [Square 2859, Lot 855] – JK Enterprises, Inc.

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Dear Zoning Adjustment Board Members

In the past, JK Enterprise's Cardozo-Shaw Laundromat at 2710 11th ST NW was a nuisance to the residents of Fairmont, Girard, & 13th Streets who own parking in the alley [apartment tenants and condo-owners pay extra for this privilege] The laundromat's customers frequently blocked the alley with their cars preventing anyone from entering or exiting, this type of aggravation seldom occurs now because of a change in clientele rather than any other factor. I am certain that the presence of a dry cleaning operation at 2712 11th ST [adjacent to the both the laundromat and the alley] will reacquaint us with the same problem with greatly increased frequency, that is to say, residents experiencing being trapped in the alley because of an illegally parked car first beeping with the hope of getting the offender's attention, then having to locate the driver somewhere in the laundry, and then waiting for them to finally get their car out of the way Some drivers don't realize that this is a blind alley when leaving their car to just "run in" to pick-up their stuff and their stuff will be at yet another business if this application is approved, both places have woefully inadequate parking availability and this proposed dry cleaners will have a van unloading twice a day Those working non-traditional hours and shuttling kids to & from activities will also be affected by cars blocking their only exit when there are those who think it's OK to park in the middle of an alley because everyone's at work No one needs a constant obstacle to their destination when they are just yards from their door JK Enterprises seeks to expand their laundromat business by opening a dry cleaners next door, but for close to a 100 residents the potential for a daily hassle while trying to exit the alley is high and cyclists will have to endure double-parked cars in their lane

I oppose application 18699 by JK Enterprises especially because of the residential nature of these two blocks and the fact that it entails a special exception for a change of non-conforming use. The applicant for this business cannot ensure a respectful co-existence between his customers and residents.

JK Enterprises is the business sideline belonging to a MPD police officer. Long-time residents living in close proximity to the laundromat who have voiced complaints to the officer and proprietor felt that he was dismissive of their point of view and some suggested that he used his badge to intimidate them into being quiet Consequently, they will not be attending the hearing I planned to attend, but I now I don't want to be recognized despite being a law-abiding citizen with a clear conscience. I do not know what he could possibly do to make my life difficult, but I suppose there is a lot of money at stake and I don't want to find out what he and his friends could do

Thank you for your consideration,

A resident of Columbia Heights within the boundaries of 1B writing to you on March 17, 2014.

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