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Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 2:18 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: 1328 Montello Ave NE WDC Case No. 18759

Good afternoon,

I live 1.5 blocks from the above referenced property and am extremely concerned with the lack of regard this developer has for the city's rules and community requests.

We certainly understand the need and desire to make money, and don't wish to stand in the way. But turning a single family home into condo units is bad enough, as it continues an overpopulation trend in an already dense area (especially considering the large number of growing families who are having to leave the city because they can't find an affordable house in which to raise their children). Making it worse is an 8 unit building, completely out of the scope of the neighborhood and the space of the land.

None of these developers live in this neighborhood so they don't suffer the consequences of such an out of touch development, nor do they reach the true need the District has for **long term sustainable residents**. These units are either occupied by renters - who tend to take less care of their home than homeowners - or transient buyers who will live there for a short time, make absolutely no investment into their community, then move to a single family home out of the neighborhood and likely the city. It is in their new city that they *will* get involved and contribute to community sustainability, something you pushed them into when you allowed developers to dictate how our city grows.

I urge you to stop and consider the impact you are allowing companies who have absolutely no ties to this community have. We need you to stand with *your residents* and make sure that anyone coming into our neighborhood helps it to grow and develop in a mutually beneficial way. The disrespect this developer has for the neighborhood and local rules is truly disgusting, yet something that you have the power to change.

I look forward to hearing how you will protect the needs of community while ensuring that guidelines you put in place are being met.

Thanks

Simone Griffin

There must be a compromise between making money and supporting the current residents in our desire to keep our neighborhood strong and vital.

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