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To Lloyd Jordan , Chairman of
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment

From. Richard Rymland and Catherine Wyler
Residents 3917 Watson Place NW
Washington DC 2006

Date 20 July 2014

Re Modification to original objections of 7 April 2014 to case Numbers
18765 and 18784 Pertaining to 3919 and 3915 Fulton
Avenue NW Washington DC

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Based on meeting with the developer, and even though we have not had the opportunity to see the final drawing which were promised by the developer as a result of a representative group meeting last Thursday , we wish to state the following:

1. Based on the current design we wish to withdraw our objection to the above captioned zoning Special Exceptions and Variance Application
2. This withdrawal of objection is contingent upon the inclusion in the zoning decision as promulgated by the BZA of the conditions precedent as offered by the developer in the attached signed letter dated 23 June 2014 Unless these commitments made on the part of the developer in the attached letter are made compulsory by law, **we wish to leave our original objection in place. The content of the subject letter was also made part of record the zoning hearing on 24 June 2014, by the developer in the presence of his attorney.**
3. We wish to express our gratitude to the ANC and the BZA for their patience in considering this matter in its entirety.

Sincerely,


Catherine Wyler


Richard Rymland

Encl: Original objection, letter of 24 June from Guy Prudhomme

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.18765
EXHIBIT NO.49

**Copy of Original Letter from Richard Rymland and Catherine Wyler: Residents of 3917 Watson Place
NW Washington DC 20016**

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

To. Lloyd Jordan , Chairman of
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment

From. Richard Rymland and Catherine Wyler
Residents. 397 Watson Place NW
Washington DC 2006

Re: **Opposition** to Relief Exception to case Numbers
18765 and 18784 Pertaining to 399 and 3915 Fulton
Avenue NW Washington DC

The exterior design, as presented is totally incompatible with the mood of the neighborhood, and as a result is an intrusion on the well established character of the homes that contribute to the traditional character of the surroundings

The developer refers to the façade as " contemporary" but in fact the design as presented harkens back to the late 1950's and smacks of commercial innovation popular at that time for commercial buildings such as offices and flexible space warehouses There is no historical context in the design to residential utilization

We would prefer a traditional "colonial revival" structure and believe it would also facilitate the sale of the properties However, if a modern design is allowed we are compelled to only endorse a building of design beauty and integrity that makes a statement of handsomeness, and with pride enters the landscape with an undeniable compatibility of the old and the new This building misses the mark totally From a personal note I lived in a building similar to this as a BOQ on Sandia Base in New Mexico at the end of the Korean War What is presented here and what was built to house Army officers in the 1950's are "soul mates."

I trust that the judgment of the Zoning Board will help prevent a travesty of design to be placed forever as an eyesore in this established aesthetic of Fulton Street Please, make a statement ; reject an exterior design with lack of skill and imagination that will create blight and an eyesore.



Underlying all of the laws and regulations is a concern for improving the lives of the citizens of the District of Columbia. This is your opportunity to improve the quality of life and compel a rethinking of a terrible erroneous design error that has the potential of permanence that will only, retrospectively, be attributed to bad judgment.

If The Board is unable to compel a redesign, then we urge you to refuse the relief and save Fulton Street from being an embarrassment to the city.

"Design creates culture. Culture shapes values. Values determine the future."

Robert L. Peters

Thank you for your consideration and service to the city we love.

Catherine Wyler

Richard Rymland

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To George Brenkert
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BY:

Dear George,

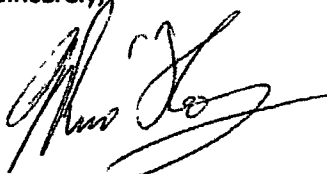
Following the ANC 3B meeting tonight, I would like to confirm that should the projects I have presented to the ANC committee at 3915 and 3919 Fulton St NW be approved by BZA tomorrow I commit to the following

- 1- That the buildings to be built at the above addresses will be divided into condominiums and will not be kept as apartment buildings designed for rental.
- 2- That the initial Condominium Association Agreement will be written with a rule that requires the approval of 50% of the owners before a unit can be rented.
- 3- That each unit will only contain 2 bedrooms.
- 4- That trees to be replaced on the sites will be at least 10 – 12 ft high
- 5- That I will provide proof of funds to the ANC before construction begins after permits have been obtained.

The above commitments will only apply if the BZA approves our project and not if our application for a special exception is denied.

I hope that the above will allay your concerns and those you represent, and that it will encourage you to support our application so that I do not have to resort to the option of doing a by right condo development of 8 units on each site.

Sincerely,



Guy Prudhomme
Trustee

