

June 9, 2014

Mr. Lloyd Jordan, Chairman  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
DC Office of Zoning  
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S  
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: BZA Application No 18791**

Dear Chairman Jordan,

This letter is written to contest the BZA Application No 18791. As a resident within 200 feet of 5422 Blair Road, NE, I am concerned regarding the Special Exception for a load change from 6 residents to 10 Community Connections is seeking. I have also had the following concerns regarding the property for years and I am hoping that the questions below can be addressed:

- What type of residential facility is it?
- What population does Community Connection serve at 5422 Blair Road, NE?
- Are the individual offenders? If so what is their offense (s)? Special Needs? Mental Impairments/Disorders?
- Was there a shooting at the facility a couple of years ago?
- Are the individuals gainfully employed?
- What is the length of stay for individuals? What is there general course of treatment/plan of action? What is the end-goal for the residents?
- It states in the document that it can also be used for a youth residential care, could you elaborate on what that would entail and look like (ie population etc)
- IF the individuals have committed crimes, there is a grave concern that as the number increases, the probability of recidivism is higher. In my opinion, that poses a safety concern for a densely populated neighborhood.
- What is the effect on the real estate value of homes when treatment facilities are located in those communities?
- Does Capitol Hill, Georgetown and some of your more high-income residents have treatment facilities located in their communities? If not, why not?
- As the Fort Totten area undergoes revitalization, it is important that homeowners ensure that their re-sale value will not be affected by the location of such facilities. There is the expansion of South Dakota and a potential Arts District which would continue to make 20011 zip code desirable. Would young couples with children be less likely to buy in a neighborhood that houses a residential treatment facility? Does the residential treatment facility detract from the desirability of the neighborhood?

In closing, I look forward to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, the Office of Zoning and/or the Community Connections answering the above questions. I welcome all neighbors who are gainfully employed, law abiding, and add to the civic, social and economic viability/climate of a neighborhood. I will never hold my neighbors to a higher standard than I hold for myself.

Respectfully,

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