

RE: Application Number 18798

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong objections to Application Number 18491, filed by Ms. Janet Katowitz. I hereby request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment not approve variances for the following reasons. The proposed additions to the rear of Ms. Katowitz's dwelling would:

1. disrupt the air flow and my families' field of vision of the alley shared by North Carolina NE and Ames Place NE;
2. by establishing a parking space this proposal would create traffic in an alley so narrow that no cars currently use it;
3. increase traffic on narrow one-way Ames Place NE—the only point of entry to this alley—degrading the quality of life for the residents of Ames Place NE;
4. create a hazard to parked cars on Ames Place NE as the cornering radius from the alley is so very tight and a second reason why the alley is not used for vehicular traffic.

This proposal is made more egregious by the fact that Ms. Katowitz has already combined two row houses together to form her present dwelling, and now proposes to buildup what had been two separate rear yards, which will double the negative effects of this proposal. In demonstration of a lack of concern for fellow neighbors, construction on this project has already commenced—in violation of DC zoning—and the erected metal iron beams have blighted my field of vision for several years now.

My family moved to Capitol Hill and Ames Place NE specifically because we are attracted to the historic row houses and city life. Combining two such rowhouses together and then building up the combined rear yards would create an eye sore and have a negative impact on my family's quality of life. The zoning rules exist for good reasons, and I request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment to grant no variance in this case for the compelling reasons listed above.

Sincerely,

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