

15 January 2016

Re: 2131 N St NW
BZA Application Number 18844A

Dear Board,

I thank you for your service to the District of Columbia and ask for your assistance in preserving my property and my Victorian-era neighborhood.

I own the house directly west of the subject house at 2137 N St NW and will be the most impacted by the addition. It is the blue house featured in the images. Contrary to the architect's claim in the "Burden of Proof" document that I will "still have access to sun, wind, and sky", I am concerned that this addition will deprive me of just that. I know this because my second floor receives ample sunlight now, while my first floor receives limited sun. The proposed addition will place an opaque structure that is directly above the structure which is currently blocking light to my first floor.

I also feel that Mr. Pitt and Ms. Qiang are not trusted partners in this endeavor. When they approached me about a more ambitious addition about a year ago, I was very sympathetic to their need for more space, as I have daughters the same age. I initially supported their proposal, but when I approached them about some concerns, they insisted that the lowest cost approach suited them best. They sighted similar nearby additions as his precedent, but those properties used ugly vinyl siding which is not consistent with the historic Victorian-era neighborhood. They did not display any concern for my property loss or for the neighborhood. For this request, they did not even approach me for input.

Mr. Pitt and Ms. Qiang do not deserve any hardship accommodation because they can expand their space without damaging my property or the historic neighborhood. They could expand into their basement apartment, as I did when my daughters were born. They also have a dining room with a dramatic cut out ceiling spanning three stories. They could gain space by returning those to floor space.

Thank you for your consideration.


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