

To: Mr. Lloyd Jordan, Chairperson, District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

Case: 18886: Application of Niloufar Hoorazor for Special Exception for 2709 36th Street, NW

Statement of Gail McKee

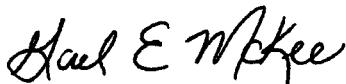
My name is Gail McKee and I live at 2711 36th Street, immediately adjacent to the North of the home at issue in this application. My home is adjacent to applicants on the side with the non-conforming side yard. I am submitting this statement because I cannot attend the hearing on March 31st.

I agreed to purchase my home in October, 2013, at which point the renovations next door were underway, but far from complete. I did not like the evolving addition but I was not inclined to fight it, in part because I wrongly assumed that it could not be built without full compliance with the zoning laws and in part because I was new to the neighborhood. As the project developed, however, it became very clear that the impact on the light and enjoyment of my home would be far more significant than I had anticipated and that the applicants had clearly taken advantage of the permitting process to secure a benefit at my expense that they should not have been able to secure.

Prior to the addition, the second floor of the house stopped near the end of my house, its windows were limited on the north side, and therefore I could enjoy sunlight in my backyard until early afternoon and a high degree of privacy at all times. The addition extended the second floor of the house back a considerable amount, blocking sunlight from my back deck and yard from mid-morning on. Even worse, whereas the original home had traditionally sized windows, the addition has a much more modern style with more and larger windows, the effect has been to effectively eliminate all privacy from my backyard and deck, my master bedroom, a guest room, and the family room/living area on the first floor.

I have authorized MAHCA to further present my case regarding light, air and privacy, and the fundamental non-conformity of the applicant's addition with the rest of the neighborhood at any BZA proceeding on this matter.

I strongly urge the Board to deny the retroactive application for special exception and require the applicants to work with neighbors to meaningfully correct the negative impacts of this addition



Gail McKee

March 30, 2015