

My home is 819 8th St NE and although the petitioner lives two houses away, the rear of his lot is **directly adjacent** to my backyard. That said, I strongly oppose the addition of a second floor to the existing garage structure. While I had reluctantly offered my concurrence and signed the letter my neighbor presented to my wife and me, it's clear that in hindsight I did not fully understand the impact on my property. It is not my nature to be disagreeable and feel terrible to have to go against a neighbor's wishes even now.

Still, having reviewed the architectural renderings and the "shadow studies" provided by the architect, my initial fears of the project's impact on my quality of life was only confirmed. The impact of such a huge, free standing 2 story structure would ruin the ability for me to enjoy my precious back yard green space. The alley is simply too small for such a large structure. It would dominate all of the sight lines in my yard while simultaneously creating a closed-in feeling that is directly contrary to the whole reason I purchased a home with a viable back yard in the first place.

It is for this reason that I officially withdraw mine and my wife's concurrence and ask that you please deny the applicant's request for a zoning variance on this project as currently conceived.

Sincerely,

Mark Cruce