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Office of Zoning
441 4th street N.W. Suite 200 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application number: 18927

Dear Sir or Madam,

My concerns in connection with the above zoning application are that the already congested 8th street corridor will become more so and thus detract from the intended appearance of family homes. The historically beautiful facades of the row type homes are being modified and taking on the appearance of condominiums.

As a longtime resident (since 1961), I am very much interested in seeing this portion of Old City Capitol Hill community maintain its historical signature and resemblance.

To allow Mr. Rodriquez to construct a two story addition onto the existing dwelling at 815 8th street N.E. would have an irreversible negative impact and further detract from the historical appearance of this sector. This addition would increase the need for more public sanitation services, i.e., trash pickup. Furthermore, it is highly likely that a dwelling addition of the described nature would add an additional four to eight residents to the neighborhood. Conversely, more residents equal more cars.

Currently, car parking spaces are limited to nonexistent within a two block radius. Arriving at home after work at or near 5:30 pm sometimes causes me to have to park on 9th street or a block away further north on 8th street. Needless to say if two or more of the projected new tenants housed at the proposed 815 8th street dwelling are car owners; the parking problem would be further exacerbated. A review of previously issued permits will reveal that construction and or renovations in this immediate area since 2009 increased substantially and this has impacted directly on overburdened available parking space

If this building growth continues unabated and trending toward multi-family units, the area will not look historical as intended and house single families living but take on the appearance of congested hi-rise developments.

Please allow our neighborhood to remain intact in it's present configuration and do not allow approval of this construction project.

Edris Rhinehart

