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Re: Buddhist Congregational Church special exception
5401 16th Street NW (Square2718, Lot 44)

To whom it may concern,

I reside directly across the alley from the property whose owners are seeking a zoning special exception. I oppose the adjustment for several reasons. Members of this church are not good neighbors. Members have parked on my property, blocking access to my garage. Most Sundays, church members illegally park in the alley, making it difficult for me to pull in and out of my garage. I have damaged my cars and my garage door frame in an attempt to bypass this obstruction. Once I confronted a church goer about the problem, and I was told to call the police and have the car towed.

Traffic in the alley, due to Buddhist Congregational Church attendance, has increased to the point of making this alley a thoroughfare. Blind corners and narrow passage threaten the safety of the residents of this alley and their vehicles. Tire tracks in the grassy edge of my property attest to the regular strain of alley traffic. If the Church is allowed to expand beyond its current capacity, I fear there will be increased traffic and greater abuse of the alley. I also assume that construction of this possible expansion will further limit parking and increase the abuses described above.

I hope the Zoning Board sincerely considers the spirit of the zoning restrictions currently in place and honor the residents of this alley, who wish to keep this alley from becoming a busier thoroughfare.

Sincerely,
Daniel Murray