

February 20, 2015

Board of Zoning Adjustment

441 4th Street NW Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: **BZA Application of Diana Kurnit and Jonathan (Jon) Brumer**
5330 42nd Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20015

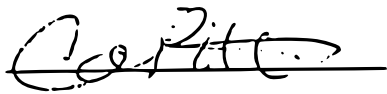
Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

We resided for many years at 5325 42nd Place NW, the property directly across the back alley way from the house owned by Diana and Jon, up until this past week when we moved to another nearby house on 42nd Street, NW. We understand that Diana and Jon are seeking relief from the District of Columbia's zoning laws so that they may rebuild a one-story deck in the rear of their house. Because their proposed deck would be directly across the alley from what was up until recently our back yard, we are very familiar with the area. They have shared drawings of the proposed deck with us and have described the project to us in detail.

We have reviewed the materials and strongly support the proposed addition. After reviewing those materials and discussing the project with Diana and Jon, it is clear to us that the proposed addition would in no way adversely affect: (1) the light and air available to what was until recently our home when we were across the alley way from Diana and Jon's property (5325 42nd Place NW) or the light and air available to any other neighboring property; (2) the privacy of the residents of 5325 42nd Place NW, other neighbors' privacy, the use and enjoyment of our or any other neighbor's property; and (3) the appearance, character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood. To the contrary, we believe that the proposed addition would improve the appearance and value of Jon and Diana's home and the appearance of the back alley way.

Accordingly, we recommend that the BZA grant the request for a special exception.

Sincerely,



Catherine Potter and Alix Guerrier