

District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
Washington DC 20001

BZA CASE No. 18991
**Support for the Appeal of the Permit of a 7-unit condo development at 1521
Varnum Street NW**

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Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I live a very short distance away from 1521 Varnum Street NW and am writing to express my significant concern about the proposed development of the 7-unit condo at 1521 Varnum Street NW. I have lived in 1428 Varnum Street NW for the past fifteen years and the proposed Varnum Lofts structure is clearly not in any way in conformity to the character, lifestyle, and visual curb facade of the neighborhood.

The proposed towering structure will block light to neighboring residences, increase foot traffic, cause major street parking issues, cause noise pollution, and completely alter the 1920s federal style of the whole neighborhood. 16th Street Heights is composed of row houses, like mine, of single-family homes and the proposed condominiums will completely alter the neighborhood.

It is unfair to allow developers to come in and make profit at the expense of the whole 16th Street Heights neighborhood. I understand that the city needs multi housing units to meet the needs of the population, but this must be done in a responsible manner. Building such an enormous structure does not take into account the investment myself and neighbors have made into our houses and neighborhood. The building of this condo would completely change the character and daily lifestyle of the residents who live here.

I respectfully ask that the BZA support the appeal of John Stokes and revoke the invalid permit.

Sincerely,


Erin Salisbury