

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to you to oppose granting variances to transform a small narrow house at 1015 E ST SE from 2 apartments to 5 apartments. My husband and I live at 525 11TH ST SE and received a notice concerning this matter from the DC government. I oppose the application for 3 reasons:

1. The majority of Square 973 consists of small narrow house and some businesses. The houses meet the zoning requirements of the DC Historic District. If the application is approved, it would be the beginning of a change in the character of the square. The owners of the 1015 property also own the property at 1013 (a similar narrow house). The property at 1013 was in the original application to transform it into several more apartments. Neither the ANC 6B nor the Restoration Society support the current application.
2. The new construction at the back of the property would block the homes at 503 and 505 11TH SE from the alley. These houses are adjacent to the dry cleaning store and plant on the corner of 11TH and E. Fire equipment and trucks would not have access to the back of the two houses if another fire broke out at the dry cleaners.. There was a fire there in 2012
3. The need for additional housing on Capital Hill would be better served by the three applications for large apartment complexes now in various states of approval before the Board. They are all within a 3 block radius of 1015. The Hine Project begins construction later this year...

Thank you for reading this email..

Yours truly,

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