

To the BZA board members, Washington DC

Reference Application #18992 for 1015 E Street SE

Dear Board Members,

The proposed development of additional units at 1015 is objectionable for two main reasons. First this already compact dense block would become even more densely populated. Parking is already difficult for present residents and there simply isn't room for more vehicles.

Secondly, and the main subject of my concern is that I fear for the destruction of an outstanding specimen tree behind our units. My deck at 1007 E Street looks out upon this remarkable tree, which shades a good part of the block. It is a historic area; my unit at 1007 was built in the late 1800s, as were neighboring houses. This tree may well have been there before they were built. We all benefit from this beautiful, old tree, as does the city's air quality. Expanding the foundation of 1015 E Street SE from the present row house further into the rear yard would cut off half the root system of the tree, and inevitably kill it. Please do not allow the destruction of this tree with the project proposed for this site.

Thanks for listening.

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