

To whom it may concern,

My name is Cynthia Pascal and I am writing on behalf of my husband and I about 727 Hobart Place, NW, Washington, DC 20010 (the "Property"), with a BZA Application No. 19068 for Square 2888 (the "Square"), Lot 202 (the "Lot"). We own 742 Hobart Place NW and are writing to express our **sincere concerns** over a few of the Applicant's requests:

Problem one: The Applicant is requesting a variance relief from the lot size requirement, and the parking requirement of one space for each new lot and flat.

Why it is a concern: To say parking is limited in our neighborhood is an understatement; I often have to park multiple blocks away. As a female resident this is concerning, since our neighborhood has been plagued by crime lately (2 shootings, multiple thefts home and car thefts). By adding a curb cut, as the applicant has suggested, would mean less public parking access. In other words, residents would have to park further away.

While inconvenient for some, it is a safety concern for me. The further away from my home and neighbors (who know me by face if not by name), the higher the statistical chance I will become a victim of a crime.

Problem two: Changing the historic uniformity and culture of the neighborhood.

Why it is a concern: Part of the charm of our neighborhood is that it has a rich diverse history. It's rows of beautiful, uniform, houses lead the imagination to think of what it must have been like to be one of the first families to live on the block. Since 1879 the neighborhood has struggled to keep its identity. Putting up a parking lot in the middle of the street would create an "us vs. them" attitude-similar to what we saw happen when the LeDetroit Park residents built fences (figurative and literal) to keep neighbors of Hobart segregated. Those barriers came down in 1901, and I see no reason to create animosity and isolation in the neighborhood again.

Problem three: Turning a PUBLIC commodity (these parking spaces) to a PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL will never be able to be reversed.

Why it is a concern: Once the cut is done, it will FOREVER be the private property of the property owners/managers. This type of selfishness has no place in our neighborhood and is frankly not neighborly. Our neighbors work hard to keep our street safe and are mindful of the intimacy of our space. If every neighbor created a curb cut for their home, there would be nowhere for anyone, residents or guests, to park.

We all understand that parking is difficult in our neighborhood and we all understand the parking spaces are a public good that we need to share. By giving this curb cut to this developer, the developer PERMANENTLY takes these spaces out of use for us.

In summary, it is not ok for a developer to take away the parking for 200 row houses to make a larger profit for their condo development.

If you would like to speak with me directly, I can be reached at cynthia_pascal@yahoo.com or 832-656-1036.

Thank you in advance for consideration of my husband and my concerns,

Cynthia Pascal