September 18, 2015

Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 – 4th Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

Dear BZA Official:

I am writing this letter in support of the appeal to revoke the permit issued by DCRA to build a three (3) unit condominium at 1117 Allison Street, NW. I have lived in the 1100 block of Allison Street for 52 years. The plans for construction of the property will create an extremely large apartment building which is out of scale with the other row houses on Allison and Buchanan Streets and other surrounding streets. In addition, this proposed apartment building will be in the middle of the block which I strongly believe takes away from the very uniform and peaceful appearance of our block.

I also want to bring to your attention the proposed building is in an R-4 zoned district, which is primarily a rowhouse district. As you are aware, the zoning regulations state the R-4 district is for stabilizing single family homes and is not intended to be an apartment district so you can imagine my surprise to learn that approval was provided for the construct of this apartment building.

Further, having an apartment building in my block means more vehicles where there is already limited parking. I am a senior citizen so the ability to park in front of my home is extremely important to me for safety and convenience reasons. When I have items to bring to or from my car, walking a long distance is an extreme hardship for me. My current neighbors look out for me and ensure a spot in front of my house is available. I truly enjoy the stability of the block but certainly this would change should an apartment building be allowed.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision and grant the appeal. I appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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