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Board of Zoning Adjustment for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210 South
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Re: BZA Application for Approval of a Special Exception for Property at 1319 Naylor Ct, NW (Square 367, Lot 38)

Dear Members of the Board,

Our neighbors Mark and Cary Lawrence of 1319 Naylor Court NW are seeking a special exception to the District of Columbia zoning regulations to build an addition in the rear yard of their existing two-story home. They have shared the drawings of the proposed addition that will be submitted with their application to the BZA.

Our home backs onto Naylor Court and includes a carriage house directly on the Court. The Lawrences' property is visible from our yard and carriage house; the site of their proposed addition is directly visible from our property – something that can only be said of us and our neighbor at 928 O Street (currently a rental and being permitted for demolition and redevelopment).

We have reviewed the materials and strongly support the proposed addition. It will not detract from the light and air available to our property, or to the public alley. It is in keeping with the historic nature and character of the alley, which was always flexible and adaptable to the primary uses. In this case, it allows the Lawrences to raise a young daughter and have space for her grandparents to visit while maintaining their live-work presence in the alley. That presence is critical to the alley's sense of livelihood, accessibility, and actual public safety. In addition, the proposed massing and architecture brings a respectful modern approach to the context of the alley.

We recommend that BZA grant the request for a special exception.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is stylized and appears to be 'Paul', and the second is more cursive and appears to be 'Nez'.

cc: ANC 2