

February 22, 2015

**Case No.: 19101**

Dear Members of the BZA Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Darryl Sulekoiki, whom I have known over the past 12 years. I came to know Mr. Sulekoiki when I bought into one of his buildings on R. St., NE. Over the years, as the Commissioner of 5C05, I interacted with him on a consistent basis regarding development matters.

I have reviewed the file and attended ANC meetings over this particular case and have yet to understand the gravity of the issues that residents are concerned about. The main complainant, Mr. R. Boyer, is well known to me. During my tenure as Commissioner (5 years ago), he had opposition to any and everything including clean-ups, any type of development and how it proceeded, my newsletter, etc., etc. Although I was cited by Mr. Boyer on many occasions for being against development and he was pro, he appears to be opposed to this particular development as it happens to be adjacent to his house.

The completion of this project is extremely important. One it will help us to get a traffic light at this particular corner due to density concerns and people being able to safely egress from the street. Two, it will help increase property values; three, it decreases the blight that was so prevalent in this particular area. Any additions to the neighborhood under the guise of "*smart development*" is needed in this community. Moreover, this has an impact on the smaller developers who need to have a stake and a voice in the District. Currently, only a few large developers seem to be the ones who have capture the lion's share of the market. At least Mr. Sulekoiki is building units that families can stay in.

I would appreciate the Committee taking the aforementioned under advisement. Thank you for your service to the District of Columbia.

Regards,

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