

Letter in Support of BZA Appeal No. 19106 to Board of Zoning Adjustment

Re: *Appeal of ANC 5E, Katelijn van den Berg, Richard A. Seutter, Jr., and Susan T. Seutter, regarding DCRA's issuance of Building Permit Nos. B1505056 and B1510351 at 67 V Street NW*

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing in support of the BZA appeal of ANC5E and Katelijn van den Berg, Richard A. Seutter Jr., and Susan T. Seutter. Please revoke the original permit. As an engineer, I am particularly concerned about the numerous technical errors made by the Zoning Administrator in granting the permits, which will have an impact on the neighboring homes. It is surprising that DCRA found it appropriate to approve the original permit and ancillary permit, given their inconsistency with the provisions on the minimum square footage of the closed court, minimum coverage of the trellis to constitute a "roof," and the chimney height and distance from a neighboring structure. I am extremely disturbed by the lack of careful scrutiny demonstrated by DCRA – for instance, in approving plans that had already been marked "VOID" by the developer, as well as by the many contradictory and illogical arguments that have been made by DCRA over the past several months to justify the original permit.

In addition, I object to the timing of the issuance of the original permit, just days before new building regulations were to go into effect. In light of the fact that an ancillary permit was required on July 21, 2015 to correct numerous errors in the original request, the approval of the original permit on June 19 gives the unmistakable impression that the approval was rushed through to avoid review under the new zoning regulations.

Sincerely,



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