

Subject: OPPOSITION TO BZA case 19133

December 11, 2011

Sara B. Bardin, Director

D.C. Office of Zoning

Board of Zoning Adjustment

441 4th Street, N.W. – Room 210

Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 19133 of J. River 1772 Church Street and St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish

Dear Ms. Bardin:

I live in the Dupont Circle neighborhood and oppose the requested lot occupancy increase for the above cited project.

I wish to join others in opposition because I believe that the historic nature of Dupont Circle should be protected and variances such as the one proposed creep in one by one to change the character of the area. The public good would be served by keeping projects within the allowed lot occupancy.

The project is exceptionally large in the context of the small scale residential dwellings that predominate on this block of Church Street and will have detrimental impacts on the use and enjoyment of neighbors' properties. The proposed building will contribute to traffic congestion on 18th Street and Church Street, overburden the narrow 12-foot alley between Church and P Streets and 17th and 18th Streets, and deprive light and air from adjacent properties.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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