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**From:** Sam Gilford <sgilford@gmail.com>  
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**To:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** BZA Case 19377: The Boundary Companies and The Missionary Society

[Comments in Opposition]

Dear Members of the Board,

I am a parent of a child attending Lee Montessori Public Charter School, and I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed development.

In general, I am opposed to the development, as I believe it will have an adverse impact on the community, on my own family, as well as on the other current and future children attending Lee Montessori PCS and Washington Leadership Academy.

However, in the event that the proposed development is allowed to move forward, I strongly urge the board to consider the conditions listed in DDOT's March 9, 2018 report (Exhibit 73), which would help to ameliorate at least some of the negative effects of the development.

If the proposal is approved as-is, without DDOT's conditions, it appears clear to me that the Board will be setting up the area for significant problems, not least of which is putting children in dangerous situations by forcing a large volume of traffic through the single chokepoint of the narrow driveway from 4th Street.

I would also add that, to the extent the proposed development moves forward as a private, gated community, any "green space" should be considered about as socially beneficial as a mound of gravel. The benefits of public parks accrue from their *public* nature, not from putting a patch of green in the middle of a cluster of million-dollar townhomes, with private security guards keeping the kids away.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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