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Subject: Re: 3520 S Street, NW / Case 19521A / BZA Modification of Significance Request

This construction will affect more than just the people who live within 200 sq. ft. of the 3529 S Street property. There are homeowners on the 3500 block T and S Streets who use the alley along which the structure will be built and whose properties do not fall within that radius. These people must have free access to their property via the alley. They have been inconvenienced tremendously in the last four years with construction and expansion of houses on S and T Streets that back out onto the alley. Construction vehicles and heavy equipment have frequently been parked in the alley preventing access by homeowners, trash and recycling trucks. Blocking the alley with these vehicles has been a constant annoyance and poses a public safety problem by preventing free access to properties and people who may need emergency services. These inconveniences, annoyances and nuisances have detrimentally affected the quality of life of those residing on properties located along the alley on which this structure will be built. Parking vehicles in any alley is illegal in DC, and builders and homeowners violate the law without consequence on a daily basis when construction is underway. In addition to (1) the violation of the zoning regulation preventing structures of more than one story and (2) the precedent this construction sets, as more and more homeowners on T and S Streets will want to build similar structures along the alley, (3) the inconveniences to homeowners during the construction period and the public safety hazard posed by the daily presence of construction vehicles parked in the alley should be taken into consideration as sufficient reasons to prevent the construction of this structure.

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