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**Sent:** Saturday, December 30, 2017 12:55 PM  
**To:** dctuxedo@aol.com  
**Cc:** ANC 2E Office (ANC 2E); DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** Zoning Special Exception request for 3608 S Street / Case 19672

Dear Ed,

I am writing to request your support in opposing the request for a zoning special exemption requested by Milton Halem for 2608 S Street/Case 19672. Mr. Halem wants to construct a 22-foot addition to the existing single-family structure, which is more than double the 10 feet allowed under the regulations. He also plans to add a third story and a roof deck. It is vitally important for city agencies and developers to respect the zoning code and the limits it imposes.

For neighbors like me who own and occupy their homes in Burleith, granting another exemption for an excessively large addition would only add to the domino effect of ever larger pop-backs, pop-ups and front extensions that are changing the unique character of Burleith. They also block the light and air of neighboring properties, stifling people's ability to enjoy their front and back yards. Such additions dwarf the rest of the block. The size also would negatively impact the privacy of the neighbors since a roof deck would enable those living here to look into many other people's yards, not just the immediate neighbors. In addition, the request to construct additions in the back and top of the property would substantially intrude upon the character, scale and pattern of houses along the street frontage.

I was appalled that the voices of several Burleith residents who attended the early December BZA hearing and the 35 letters against the development of 3629 T Street held no weight for the BZA's final decision that favored the developers over the neighbors. Only one person, an absentee landlord, wrote in favor of this. How is it possible that the opinions of so many neighbors were so easily dismissed in favor of people who don't even live in Burleith? Something is wrong with this process if District residents have no support from city agencies to maintain their neighborhoods. Please make your voice heard in favor of the neighborhood in which you live and the residents you represent.

**I urge you to oppose this special exemption request.** I want to continue to live in a neighborhood that is harmonious in its architecture and harmonious with homeowners who respect each other and the neighborhood's character. I hope you do, too.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Stacy Davis  
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