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We are in opposition to any further development of properties outside of the standard 10' foot extension from the neighbor's back wall. Recently we fought against 3629 T Street and voiced our opinions in person to the zoning commission, but lost. **It would have been extremely helpful if the ANC commissioner had appeared at the hearing, or had even voiced an opinion.** 32 of us wrote letters to the zoning commission, to their surprise. 15 to 20 of us appeared at the hearing, again to their surprise.

You should be aware that most of these will be eventually granted because these people are smart, they are going after "special exceptions" rather than a "variance" because if it is variance they would have to prove a hardship in order to have it granted.

We, as neighbors, must defend our small community from these monstrous homes, the neighborhood was not meant for that. If we are not careful every other house in our community may all become these huge, overbearing homes because of the ratio of investor owners to homeowner residents. As I understand it, the property at 3608 S Street, NW will present an even greater overbearing presence to the other small row houses that surround it, being too large, shutting out air and light.

In the previous case for 3629 T Street, the absent landlord's testimony weighed in more heavily than our testimony and we are directly across the alley from this house. The 6 of us who actually testified brought a solid case to the commission, and in fact the commissioners decided to wait a week to render their decision, but it was of no use.

These 6 can't be the only ones to fight this cause, everyone should and certainly our ANC commissioner, knowing our dissatisfaction, should be weighing in on our behalf. So, take our votes (2) as against the proposed improvement to 3608 S Street, NW., and we will continue our opposition.

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