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**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2018 4:36 PM **To:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)

**Subject:** Comments in Opposition to Case No. 19689, the Meridian development proposal

## Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to Application #19689. The developers are obligated to show that the special exceptions they seek will not have an adverse impact on the neighboring properties. They have not, and cannot, satisfy that obligation under the current proposal.

This project, which will add more than 110 units of residential housing and a 10,000 square foot conference center to our community, will create an undue burden through the influx of residential and construction-related traffic, loss of parking, and an inevitable increase in noise and congestion. Meridian International Center has long been a source of noise complaints and traffic problems and expanding its institutional use by granting its modification request will only exacerbate those problems. Without a light at Belmont and 16th Street the extra traffic and congestion will become a life threatening situation. That intersection is dangerous on a good day, but this project will only exacerbate the issues. This project should not be allowed to move forward.

This project will have a detrimental and irreversible impact on the community if it is allowed to proceed in its current form, and we therefore ask you to deny the application.

Thank you,

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