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To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Cc: Fann Harding
Subject: Community Comment in Opposition to Case No. 19689, Meridian development proposal

Dear Commissioners,

I am a long-time resident of 1661 Crescent Place, NW, which is located across the street from the Meridian International Center. I love this very unique Washington neighborhood and write 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. I and many of my neighbors here believe they have not done so and that their current proposal cannot satisfy that obligation.

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 by increasing traffic (temporarily during construction and permanently, post-construction), reducing community parking spaces, and increasing noise and congestion. In addition, the increased traffic generated by the new residents and increased numbers of event participants, and the proposed siting of the project, will greatly exacerbate what are already dangerous traffic conditions during peak traffic times at the entrance to Belmont Street from 16th Street and the exit onto 16th from Crescent Place, putting both pedestrians and drivers in danger. Meridian International Center's current activities (notably the weddings it hosts) already create significant traffic and parking problems for our residential community; granting this modification to allow an increase in those activities will only make those worse and worsen the quality of life for those who live here. If the variance for this project is granted, the changes and their negative consequences be significant and irreversible.

I strongly support the ANC's recommendation on this matter and urge you to deny the developer's application for this project.

Thank you for your attention.

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