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To: Jackson, Julianna (OP); DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
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Subject: Letter Opposing the Space Application by Madison Investments in W st. NW, the Appearance of the building and the Elevation - BZA 19705
Attachments: 1419 W Letter to DDOT re Madison Investments application.pdf; Lumen 1405 W St. NW.pdf

CASE 19705
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Dear Mrs. Jackson,

My name is Aglae Elizabeth Parra and I am the owner of Unit 303 at the Lumen, located at 1405 W St. NW. I support my neighbors letter (attached) opposing the public space application from Madison Investment in W St. Also, I am attaching the letter of the President of Lumen Condominiums. We are not in disagreement of the new development, but I and my neighbors are in disagreement on the elevation, garage entrance, and design of the proposed building.

Madison Investment, with all my respect is not acting in good faith for many reasons. Let me start by pointing out that few exhibits the Madison filed could mislead government officials and the public. Next to the government building is V St and not W St. Myself and my neighbors are taking care of the history of W St. and what we can well-preserved from 14 St corridor.

W St. families will be deeply damaged by the requested building elevation, the parking garage entrance and the design proposed by Madison.



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There is a deepest concern about Madison request to have an entrance to a parking garage on our street. When I mentioned our Street, it is because W St, is and has always been a residential street. A street with beautiful Victorian houses and the historical House of Mary Ann Shad, the home of the first African American female journalist and female lawyer after the Civil War. It is a street with character in its architectural designs. Also, the new buildings, Lumen 1405 and 1400 W St. NW., are in harmony with the character of our street. Nonetheless, the appearance of the proposed project by Madison Investment will damaged what history gave us.

I don't know if you know that few of the Victorian houses has been fixed and they are now condos. What I want to say is that more couples and families are moving into our street. During the day, children from nearby daycares walk along W St. Still a safe place for walking and crossing, but it won't be a safe street anymore if an entrance to the parking garage is allowed to Madison Investment. At times, traffic in W St is heavy and noisy. If the parking entrance to the garage is allowed, traffic and noise will be unbearable and safety has to be taken into consideration.

As you know 14St is the business district. From 14 street North or South there is no entrance to W St. If parking entrance is allowed in W St. cars will need to get there from V.St, 15 St, Florida Avenue or 16 St. Can you imagine Mrs. Jackson the gridlock in our surrounding area? How many families will suffer the consequences of Madison request? On the other hand, from 14 St north or south you enter V St. and immediately behind the Provision 14 restaurant is the entrance alley. Next to the alley is a parking lot that I think it belongs to St. Augustine Church. If the entrance to the parking garage is on V St. not even 1 family will be affected.

With all the respect Mrs. Jackson, Madison Investment is not thinking in our community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration

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