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From: James O'Day <jamesrobertoday@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 11:35 AM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ); Alan Gambrell
Subject: BZA 19731: Oppose Special Exception @ 1766 Lanier Place, NW

Dear BZA:

I urge you to reject a special exception request to remove the rooftop architectural element at 1766 Lanier Place NW and replace it with a new fourth story. Please note that RF-1 zoning prohibits removal/significant alteration of rooftop architectural elements and limits row houses to 3 stories.

In BZA 19731 (scheduled for a hearing on April 11) the developer requests a special exception to demolish the existing Wardman-style barrel tile roof on 1766 Lanier. This distinctive feature is shared by the four abutting and contiguous buildings and currently creates a thematic architectural scheme, which adds value to the properties and character to the streetscape.

Demolishing and rebuilding an inappropriate fourth floor addition will significantly alter the building's character and adversely impact abutters and the current architectural (and visual) cohesion.

This egregious request disregards the clear language of the RF-1 architectural element protection. In addition, the new fourth story would also considerably weaken if not render nearly meaningless the RF-1 3-story limit.

Please consider my comments and concerns, as well as my neighbors', when making your determination.

Respectfully,

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