

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
DC Office of Zoning  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street N.W., Suite 210 South  
Washington, D.C. 20001

To: The Board of Zoning Adjustment

Re: BZA Application No. 19730 – Letter in Support for Relief requested by the Sons of Italy Foundation  
to continue their non-profit office uses at 219 E Street NE

To Whom It May Concern:

I reside very close to 219 E Street NE. I have spoken to the representatives of the Sons of Italy Foundation about the case, and understand they have asked for special exception and variance relief from the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order to continue to operate their non-profit foundation's offices on the property they own. The Sons of Italy Foundation's offices have been there since the early 1980s, and they have a very low-intensity use. To the best of my knowledge, they only have a few staffers, and they do not have events. Also, I understand there is no request to add staff or increase the building's usage.

I offer my full support for this application. The Sons of Italy Foundation has always been a good neighbor to me, and I am not aware of any complaints from other neighbors about any aspects of their day-to-day activities. I don't foresee any issue with their continued operation, and I urge the Board to allow them to remain in the space they've occupied without incident for almost 40 years.

I strongly support this request.

Sincerely,



Leslie C. Merkle

Name: (printed)

214 E ST NE

Address:

February 19, 2018

Date: