

August 27, 2017

Re: DCOZ Case No. 13991A, Curt Hansen

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

I write to strongly urge the Board's acceptance in full of the application of Curt Hansen in Case 13991A for a modification at 522 1/2 K St. NE, Old City Market and Oven. (I also signed the petition submitted in evidence.)

As close neighbors of this market, my husband and I have greatly appreciated the improvements it has brought to the neighborhood. I also am acutely aware of how much the requested modifications are needed if the market is to fulfill its potential for the neighborhood. My neighbors and I would benefit from having more employees at the market to provide service; from expanded food service and retail; and from expanded seating. Old City Market and Oven is a great gathering place for diverse nearby residents, and I have had the pleasure of meeting neighbors here who I might not otherwise have met. It may attract more people from further afield as well if it is allowed to offer its great sandwiches and other foods more efficiently and with a better, more customer-friendly atmosphere, with more area to sit and linger for a while. Particularly with more and more apartments and condos being built in the area, I can see no downsides to the application being granted.

Old City Market and Oven adds real charm and character—especially in the face of additions of more chain stores in the surrounding area. The market is just the sort of place that makes living in Near Northeast enjoyable, and I hope the Board recognizes its value and helps it thrive.

Sincerely,

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