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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dears Sirs:

I am writing in opposition to application 16550, a development of townhouses in an alley lot. The development of this property will have a severe negative impact on the community by disrupting the parking scheme of the neighborhood.

The townhouse on Webster street were built in 1907, shortly after the opening of the trolley lines on 14th street. Most neighboring blocks, which were built later, do hot have a similar open block of property, but rather have a single alley down the middle with garages. The homes in this block do not generally have garages or driveways, since they were built before the automobile was in common use. The alley behind the townhouses on Webster street is too narrow for driveways or garages. The recycling trucks cannot drive down this alley because it is too narrow.

In 1907, the most probably use of this land would have been for barns and stables . Today the land is mostly used for parking, which is the most appropriate use of this land. If that use is denied, the largely elderly population of my street would have to walk many to their automobiles blocks every time they needed to go to the grocery store or a doctor's appointment. This will have a severe negative effect on the stability of the community.

In addition, the proposed townhouses only include one parking space per lot, adding more cars to the neighborhood streets seeking parking.

I would ask the board to disapprove this variance, and downgrade the zoning to non-residential use.

Sincerely,

Charles Watson

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Exhibit No. 41

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