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Sheila Cross-Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 - 4th Street, NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Cross-Reid:

I am writing to express my opposition to application of the Welch Family Limited Partnership #10, Application #16551, for a variance from parking regulations in order to apply for a public hall license in a C-2-A District at 1335 H Street, NE (Square 1027, Lot 824).

I believe a public hall license would negatively impact upon the peace, order, and quiet of this largely residential neighborhood. While additional positive economic development would be welcome along the H Street corridor, I believe that a public hall would bring an undesirable additional number of cars and disorderly crowds to the neighborhood. I am also concerned that the public hall would become a venue for "BYOB" events and their associated problems: loud music, loud patrons on the streets at late hours, blaring car radios, double parking, public urination and other possible problems. In short, opening a public hall in this neighborhood would be like opening a nightclub without an ABC license. Given the residential character of the surrounding neighborhood I think a public hall license would not be appropriate, and I am joining my constituents in the Linden Place Neighborhood Association in opposing the granting of this variance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your ruling on this case.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ambrose

Sharon Ambrose
Councilmember - Ward 6

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