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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a resident of Jonquil Street and a registered Professional Engineer. I have recently viewed the repaving of the alley behind the Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah Synagogue. Several concerns immediately came to mind, which may or may not have an impact on your decision. The removal of the curbing on the easterly side of the alley, adjacent to the Synagogue property, and the grading of the pavement away from the synagogue will cause the drainage from the synagogue to run into the alley and in my opinion across the alley to enter properties of abutting neighbors. Two garages and one house foundation will be affected. It does appear that a n effort was made to create a slight depression in the pavement in the alley, it appears too shallow to effectively replace the drainage along the previous curb line. The removal of the curb is essential to utilizing the parking for the intended school use, but the effect will be to impose a drainage hardship upon the neighboring properties.

I would also like to know if the District was informed of the paving of the alley. The action taken does not seem consonant with sound engineering practices embodied in District ordinances.

Sincerely,

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