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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
Suite 210
441-4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: JEMAL/CARY CAR BARN LLC, Case No. 16592

Dear Ms. Cross,

The Board of the Citizens Association of Georgetown has voted to support the neighbors on Prospect and 35th Streets in requesting the denial of the application for a special exception and variance to the existing zoning for the Car Barn. The correspondence of the neighbors makes the case for not allowing the rooftop terrace of the Car Barn which is at street level on Prospect Street, N.W., to be used for parties, weddings and other events. This is completely contrary to the R-3 and C-2-A zoning which covers the fourth floor of the building.

The neighbors have suffered over the years from the noise, traffic and inconvenience caused by the events held at the Car Barn. They are already negatively impacted by their proximity to the M Street commercial area and Georgetown University which cause serious disruption to this historic residential part of west Georgetown. Furthermore, 35th Street is on two major Metrobus routes, so the impact on traffic is already severe without the additional congestion caused by valet parking and large trucks loading and unloading catering and party supplies.

We respectfully request that the Board deny this application for a special exception and variance to the existing zoning for the Car Barn. Thank you for your attention to this case.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara B. Downs
President

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