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RE: Application Number 16622 Application of Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc.

To the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I herby request party status in Application Number 16622. As per 11DCMR 3106.2

(a) My name is Joshua B. Halpern

I reside at 515 Tenth St. NE, Washington, DC 20002

(b) I wish to appear in this matter and participate as a party

(c) I will appear as an opponent of the application

(d) I will appear for myself.

(e) I am co-owner of 515 Tenth St. NE.

The rear of our property is approximately 20 feet from the rear of 1022 Maryland Ave, NE, currently occupied by Sasha Bruce Youthworks, Inc.

The back yard of 1022 Maryland Avenue is used as a playground, gathering place, picnic area and place to hang by the residential care facility occupants, and others. The yard is elevated about six feet relative to our property and affords a direct view down onto our backyard and into the second floor of our house. There is no optical or noise barrier at the boundary of 1022 Maryland Ave. NE.

Occupants, guests and others at 1022 Maryland Ave. NE who use this yard are often quite loud, and spend considerable time there. Supervision by any staff is not obvious.

Our immediate neighborhood already has a heavy load of residential and shelter facilities. While the neighborhood has not requested that the existing disproportionate number of such facilities be reduced, we have objected to the establishment of additional beds or expansion of existing facilities. My objection is to Sasha Bruce Youthworks request for permission to house 5 additional residents.

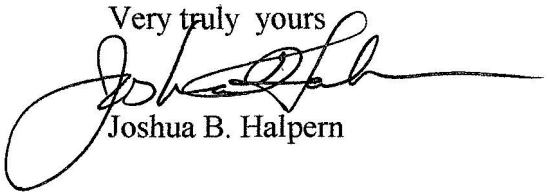
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Moreover I request that as a condition of their zoning special exception, Sasha Bruce Youthworks be required to install an optical and noise barrier at the back of their property. As far as I am concerned this could be a fence, a hedge, etc. Further, they should take care that outdoor parties, gatherings not extend late into the night.

Should you require further information, I can be reached at (202) 806-6883 during the day and at (202) 546-9045 at home. Thank you for your consideration in this matter and the opportunity to appear. I remain,

Very truly yours



Joshua B. Halpern

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