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Director, Office of Zoning
Shelia Cross Reid, Chair
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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RE: Case #16622

Dear Ms. Reid:

We the undersigned are in OPPOSITION to the request by Sasha Bruce Youthworks, 1022 Maryland Avenue, N.E., pursuant to DCMR 3104.1, for a special exception under section 335.1 to expand the operation of their youth residential care home facility from 10 to 15, a 50% increase in their operations. This facility is located in an R-4 area and already negatively impacts the surrounding residential neighborhood.

The problems have been on going over a long period of time relating to their trash in front that litters the neighborhood and many of us have to pick up the junk food trash that litters our streets every day. Their dumpster located on the 1000 block of F Street N.E. is always left open and rats have been seen coming in and out of that dumpster because it is not closed and lock properly. We have called our NSO-Neighborhood Stabilzation Officer on many occassions complaining about the trash and rats. On occassion there has been teenage alcohol drinking from parked cars located on 10th & F Streets N.E. and many empty bottles litter the sidewalks and grass easements. The teenagers have been on several occassions out of control outside of the facility without proper supervision. It is apparent that the support staff has little control and are not trained properly.

Above all, Sasha Bruce has NOT BEEN friendly to the community and to our concerns. Nearby residents have given them a failing grade to resolve the problems mentioned above.

We urge the Zoning Board to DENY their request for additional 5 teenagers to be placed at this facility.

Respectfully Yours,

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