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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16710

Dear Ms. Kress:

We are writing you in regard to our opposition to the above referenced application of Vinay Pande for a special exception under Section 223 of 11 DCMR § 3104.1 to allow construction of a canopy over a driveway and stairway at premises 5210 Klingle Street, NW. We reside on Hawthorne Place, N.W. where the applicant's driveway is located. We understand that a hearing is scheduled for said application on Tuesday, July 10, 2001.

First, the canopy in question has already been built. It was constructed approximately two years ago without the approvals now being sought. This was made known at that time to city authorities by the undersigned and by our neighbors on several occasions. (Please see the attached copy of a memorandum sent on 8 December 1999 and again on 12 January 2000.) Second, while permission is being sought for a side yard variance, we wonder whether rear yard requirements are being met. Third, said canopy (whether construction of it is now approved or not) protrudes into public space, well beyond the apparent property line of the applicant. Fourth, the canopy that has been constructed is not residential in appearance or structure at all, but rather is similar to what one finds at the entrance to restaurant establishments located on the street level of commercial office buildings. It is not at all appropriate for a residential neighborhood.

While we have not researched the city files, we also question whether applicant and his contractor ever applied for and were granted a building permit for the canopy. Somehow, given that the applicant is only now applying for a special zoning code exception—after the fact of construction—we doubt it.

We strongly request that the BZA both deny the applicant's request for the special exception and require the applicant to dismantle the illegally constructed canopy. We are sending a copy of this letter to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D (not 2E as the BZA notice states) and ask that body to take similar action.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Koczela

Julie Koczela

Cc: ANC 3D

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Case No. 16710
Exhibit No. 25

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EXHIBIT NO.25

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To:	Michael Johnson	**Fax:**	202-442-4871
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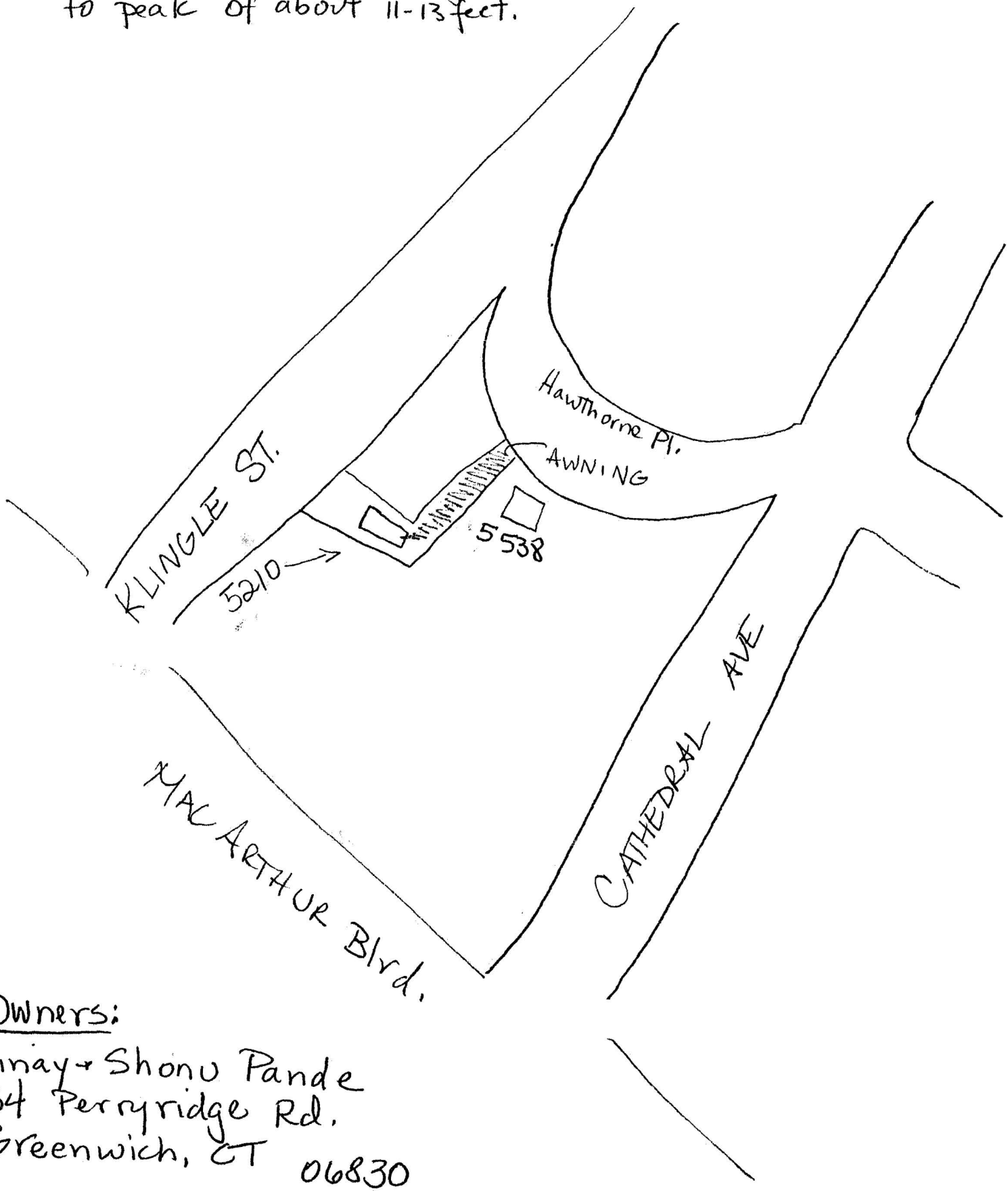
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.Michael, enclosed please find a rough drawing of the awning which serves as a carport for the home at 5210 Klingle St. The property contains a leg onto Hawthorne Place and the awning is adjacent to Jack Kennedy at 5538 Hawthorne Place. Mr. Kennedy has spoken with Toyé Bello in your office who said he would look into the matter. I have also included for your information the name and address of the owners who live in Connecticut. The tenant, a Spanish diplomat, had the awning erected. The awning posts come nearly to the edge of the street and rise up to 10-12 feet above the car.

Please let me Jack Kennedy or me know of your determination.

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Awning is green, structure sides are 7 feet tall, rising to peak of about 11-13 feet.



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