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Mr. Jeoffry Griffis
Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Dear Mr. Griffis,

I am a resident home owner in Shaw and am writing you today regarding the expansion of the parking lot located at 1902 Vermont Ave, NW; Square 333, Lot 800 and operated by The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

It has come to my attention that the lot is applying for and expansion permit. The lot has been run against zoning code for some time and I have little confidence that they will make the proper changes that are required if they are allowed to expand the lot

Non-residents that come into the city from the outer suburbs almost exclusively use the lot. The lot produces and excessive amount of trash, I have seen several people who utilize the lot operating their vehicles illegally and with little or no respect for DC traffic laws or the local residents. Running red lights, crossing directly through the intersection, changing their oil and working on their cars in the lot then happily leavening their garbage and used oil on the lot.

Considering the fact that the lot is on the same block as the U Street Cordoza metro station I find it unacceptable that this lot would be expanded when these non-residents can simple take the metro. Not to mention that they have operated the lot without proper permits and against zoning ordinances for some time. This fact leaves me little confidence that they will operate legally any time soon.

If you also consider in the last few weeks the number code red days and the EPA findings against the district for its pollution problems, I would think this could be a way for the District to encourage these suburbanites to take the Metro and not drive into the city so much.

Regardless of all these facts, I am a resident; I live just one block from the parking lot and I DO NOT want the lot expanded. Frankly I think the lot should be removed and residential property should be put up in its place.

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Thank you for taking the time and effort and I hope that you will follow the residents wishes and NOT expand the lot.

Sincerely,

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