Form 140
(Revised 03/15/02)

Case No. _____

PARTY STATUS APPLICATION

Notice: See other side of party status form for instructions.

NAME: Last	First	Middle I.
Smith	Aisler	

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I hereby request to appear and participate as a party. Signature: Aisler Smith Date: 10-17-02

Will you appear as a(n) ☑ Proponent ☐ Opponent

Will you appear through legal counsel ☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please enter the name and address of such legal counsel.

NAME: Last	First	Middle I.
My wife and I are licensed attorneys.		

ADDRESS: Street	Ste. # (if any)	City	State	Zip Code

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Please answer all of the following questions referencing why the above person should be granted party status.
(If you require additional space, please attach an additional sheet.)

1). How will the property owned or occupied by such person, or in which the person has an interest be affected by the action requested of the Board?

See Attachment Questions & Answers

2). What legal interest does the person have in the property? (i.e. owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee)

Owner

3). What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the appeal or application before the Board? (Preferably no farther than 200ft.)

Property subject to application is synonymous with Owner's property

4). What are the environmental, economic or social impacts that are likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Board is approved or denied?

See Attachment Questions & Answers

5). Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Board is approved or denied.

See Attachment Questions & Answers

6). Explain how the person's interest will be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than that of other person's in the general public.

See Attachment Questions & Answers

BZA Case No. 16962 Exhibit No. 8

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16962
EXHIBIT NO.8

Attachment to Party Status Application

Question 1. How will the property owned or occupied by such person, or in which the person has an interest be affected by the action requested of the Board?

Answer 1. Our home is a Victorian brownstone that was built prior to the turn of the 19th century. We specifically selected this property due to our appreciation of the architecture. Thus, aesthetically, our requested action is in the rear area facing the garage and will not disrupt the exterior's historical appearance. Our intention is to use traditional brick to slightly extend the size of the kitchen by building over the existing footprint of the home's original garage. (Note the existing garage was demolished at the direction of our structural engineer for safety reasons.) Secondly, we intend to slightly extend the second floor by adding a bedroom, again all over the existing footprint of the home's original garage. Lastly, we intend to slightly extend the third floor by adding an office, again all over the existing footprint of the home's original garage.

Although we appreciate the historical value of the original floor plan, one cannot dispute that since the construction of our home, modern lifestyles have changed dramatically. A practical, reasonable, and competitive floor plan for an average home of our size now includes functional space for a kitchen and a reasonable number of bedrooms in balance with the common living areas. Our plan will enhance the value of the property by keeping it competitive with the numerous properties that have been renovated and expanded in our neighborhood. It will also help to bring the LeDroit neighborhood to the competitive stature of surrounding neighborhoods; thereby, ultimately bringing an economic benefit to our community and the city overall.

The BZA's approval of our additions will enhance our quality of life; economic value of the properties in our neighborhood; and transform our 18th century home into one compatible for 21st century living.

Question 4. What are the environmental, economic or special impacts that are likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Board is approved or denied?

Answer 4. If the Board approves our requested action, we do not foresee any environmental impact. However, the economic or special impacts are substantial. As mentioned in "Answer 1," the Board's approval would permit us to transform our home from an 18th century Victorian brownstone to one more conforming for 21st century living. Moreover, the Board's approval will assist in bringing our neighborhood to the competitive and respected residential stature of other neighboring communities. Moreover, the value of our property and neighboring

properties will increase thereby creating a greater tax base for the District of Columbia.

If the Board denies our request, it will be a step backwards for our community by keeping our neighborhood a step behind of the economic enhancement, growth and respect of other nearby communities in the District of Columbia area. Personally, our economic investment will be deflated substantially. Our mortgage lender is in part basing the financing of the completion of the project on the inherent value of enhancing the functionality of the kitchen and the practical need for at least one other bedroom for a home that is presently dominated by common spaces (living room, dining room, parlor, etc.).

Question 5. Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested for the Board is approved or denied.

If the Board denies our request, then our lifestyle is substantially diminished. Unlike family lifestyles of the 18th century, most families spend the majority of their time in the kitchen, from food preparation to assisting children with homework projects. In an attempt to raise a family and prepare children for life, it is essential that parents spend quality time with their children. The kitchen is the primary location for meals, conversation, and socialization. Thus, the age old expression that the kitchen is "the heart of the home" remains a timeless truth. Likewise, the bedroom addition is respectfully requested because we intend to expand our family and would like our children to grow up in the heart of DC. Therefore, at least one small bedroom is necessary.

In the absence of the Board's approval for the expansion of the kitchen, and child's bedroom, the basic function of our family lifestyle would be adversely affected. The Board's denial of our request would be a devastating hardship on our family life, and a devastating financial loss as well. As noted earlier, our mortgage lender is basing its support of the project in part on our proposed improvements to the floor plan.

Lastly, we intend to start a new business venture, based in our home. It is critical that the seeds of young family life and entrepreneurship are re-established in the LeDroit Park/Bloomindale areas. Bold and aggressive steps must be taken in our community to improve the tax base for decent services and education, increase the residential property values, and cultivate a safe, family friendly environment in this community. We are committed to a quality lifestyle right here in the District, and respectfully request your support in our endeavor to improve our lifestyle standards

and the lifestyle standards of the District in our community, not just a selected few communities that are progressing and leaving others behind.

Question 6. Explain how the person's interest will be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than that of other person's in the general public.

Answer 6. Please review our prior responses. We feel that the Board's approval of our request significantly and distinctively helps our community as a whole progress in keeping with other historical residential communities that have embraced the economic benefits of renovating properties to make them competitive and appealing for 21st Century use, and for supporting the economic base of the city as a whole.