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Ref: BZA Case 17007, Special Exception for 1018 Constitution Ave., NE

To Whom It May Concern:

We recently received a letter of notification regarding 1018 Constitution Ave. We will be unable to attend this meeting however would like to express our concern. After receiving a letter from the owners of 1018 Constitution and further discussion regarding the events which surround this dispute, we feel this case should be carefully considered.

We are not exceedingly familiar with the laws and regulations involved in zoning. However we understand that after being granted building permits, the District of Colombia has now either revoked or overturned these permits. Now the owner is in an unfortunate position of having to defend his property and investment. It would seem to me that the entire permit system is set up to avoid this kind of a situation such that, if a permit is granted, the builder can proceed with certainty that his or her investment will not be jeopardized by later revocation. How can we now consider and trust the city if it issues permits and later revokes them? This certainly does not build confidence in the system and deeply concerns us.

It seems truly unfortunate that our neighbors are now obliged to defend their investments after having received the assurance in the form of building permits from the city. We certainly feel an exception ought to be made in this case. We have no objection to the building and to the contrary welcome the value added to the neighborhood.

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