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Case No. 17172

PARTY STATUS APPLICATION

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Name:*	**William and Mary Burgan**				
Address:*	**1517 P St. NW - #1**	**City:*** **Washington**	**State:*** **DC**	**Zip:*** **20005**	
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I, hereby request to appear and participate as a party.		**Signature:** William B. Burgan Mary Burgan	**Date:*** 06/04/04		

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:			
Address:	**City:**	**State:**	**Zip:**
Phone:	**Fax:**	**Email:**	

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?*

The distance of about 13 feet that now separates the two buildings will be reduced by almost half.

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

We own unit #1 of the condo at 1517 P St. NW, next door to the site of the proposed new construction.

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.)*

There is no distance between our property and the adjacent property to the west, the site of the proposed new construction.

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?*

The area occupied by our building on its western side narrows substantially as it begins to run parallel to the east side of 1519, a house set much further back from the street, and already standing when construction began on 1517 at the end of the nineteenth century. This design feature was plainly expected to secure a decent amount of light and space between the two buildings, and has succeeded in doing so for over a hundred years. The proposed lateral addition to 1519 would scrap this sensible arrangement, reducing sunlight and making our pleasant, brick-tile pathway to the back – a walk bordered with plants, shrubs, and grass – claustrophobic. Such a blot on environmental quality can hardly fail to affect the economic value of our property.

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.*

Two trees are slated to be cut down, one of them a tall, superbly beautiful "tree of heaven," which is a major factor in giving the whole northern aspect of the houses on our side of P St. its character, with branches overarching the properties on both sides of 1519.

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.*

The general public's view of a 125-year-old house will be marred by changes that drastically alter its form. But the more significant impact will fall on those of us who live next door in 1517, a house clearly intended to benefit from an adequate space between itself and its already-existing neighbor. The applicants' contention that the space in question is an "historical accident" is demonstrably incorrect. Moreover, the removal of the two trees will severely detract from the natural beauty we now enjoy.

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