Form 140
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Case No. 17261

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Name:*	SEDGEWICK, Michelle L.						
Address:*	1431 Jackson Street N.E.	City:*	Washington	State:*	DC	Zip:*	20017
Phone:*	(202)526-4499	Fax:		Email:			
I. hereby request to appear and participate as a party.		Signature:		Date:*	12/17/04		

[illegible]	☐	Proponent	☑	Opponent	[illegible]	☐	Yes ☑ No

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

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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?*

If BZA grants Application No. 17261, the quiet residential character of my block of owner-occupied single family homes is destroyed. A flat, paved, unlit parking lot raises safety concerns because it likely will become a site for illegal activities (such as prostitution, vandalism, robbery and dumping) that have occurred there in the past . Aesthetically, a parking lot, the plans for which do not include screening or landscaping, detracts from the neighborhood's charm and the block's overall appearance.

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

Owner of the property at 1431 Jackson Street N.E.

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.)*

Approximately 80 feet

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?*

Environmental impacts include (1) vehicle exhaust fumes; (2) noise from car engines, slamming doors, and voices of persons walking to and from the lot, etc.; (3) water run-off; (4) litter; (5) negative impacts (such as water drainage and air quality) from the absence of trees or landscaping. Economically, the existence of an unattractive paved parking lot will negatively impact the value of my 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.*

A paved parking lot, surrounded by an unwelcoming and unattractive 6foot high chain link fence, is an eyesore in the midst of single family residences. The lot offers no benefit whatsoever, aesthetically or otherwise, to the neighborhood. There is no shortage of on-street parking spaces. Opening the proposed parking lot for use by church members, school teachers, and others means that I am subject to their comings and goings (and accompanying noise, traffic, vehicle fumes, and litter) at all hours of the day and night, all days of the week. Granting this special exception rewards the applicant, in spite of flagrant and repeated violations of District of Columbia regulations and bad faith dealings with its neighbors.

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My single family residence is a mere 80 feet away from the site of the proposed parking lot. I walk or drive past the subject property every day, and I am appalled at its past and present condition. The subject property's past and current owner consistently have failed to maintain the property (both the houses and garages that eventually were razed, and the lots when vacant) to keep it free of litter, debris, and overgrown weeds. Every day I am confronted with the unpleasant sight of flattened land, devoid of trees, and surrounded by a chain link fence better suited for a construction site than a residential neighborhood. Forcing a parking lot on Jackson Street unfairly shifts the burden of a perceived on-street parking shortage onto a small group of homeowners, including myself, whose properties [illegible] site

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