The Blagden Alley Association

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Mr. Geoffrey H. Griffiss
Chairman, Washington, DC, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Reference: Case Number 17314

Dear Mr. Griffiss:

The Blagden Alley Association, which represents the neighborhood immediately west of the new convention center, is deeply disturbed by the proposal to locate a junior/senior high school in the 1200 block of 9th Street, NW.

At its regular monthly meeting on February 16, citizens and members of the board of The Blagden Alley Association, which represents the neighborhood immediately west of the new convention center, reviewed plans for an addition to 1002 N Street, NW.

Following the presentation by owner Stephen Warren and his fiancée Betsy Garside, there was a unanimous vote in support of the project. Several individual members also suggested that they would write letters in support of the project.

The added living space is in keeping with the residential and historic nature of the neighborhood. In addition, the owner Stephen Warren has been an active participant in the neighborhood since he bought his house and moved here 12 years ago. He has improved the neighborhood by cleaning up sources of infestation and illegal practices, through participation in neighborhood patrols, and by serving on citizens' association boards. By adding onto his house, he and his soon-to-be wife will be able to remain in the neighborhood. That kind of long-term personal investment in our neighborhood is vital to keeping balance in a fast-developing residential area.

Sincerely,

Harold Davitt
President

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