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Re: BZA #17521
Application of 600-645 H Street Ventures LLC

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed development at 600-645 H Street, application #17521. I own a home at 727 7th St. NE.

Although I am supportive of the general strategy for the redevelopment of H Street, I am not supportive of residential buildings that are at the height proposed by this application, and are not in keeping with the historical style and architecture of Capitol Hill.

I believe that the scale of building will have a negative effect on the H Street community, since the building does not make any attempt to fit in with the historical architectural features of H Street. The proposed site is extremely close to existing, historical, residential homes, such as my own, and the scale of the building will overwhelm these streets to the detriment of the existing neighborhood.

I am also very concerned about the impact of parking and traffic in the neighborhood, particularly since I understood that the objectives of the H Street Redevelopment project were to encourage a pedestrian community. I do not believe the façade of the building has any positive attributes that will enhance the long term economic development of this area and I encourage the Board to encourage the designers to scale back the project, scale down the size of the building, and consider historically appropriate design.

Although I support mixed-use development on H Street, this particular building will undermine H Street revitalization efforts, and the quality of life in the surrounding community.

Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,
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