



**BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSION OR  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**



**FORM 140 - PARTY STATUS REQUEST**

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**PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU SIMPLY WISH TO TESTIFY AT THE HEARING. COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WISH TO BE A PARTY IN THIS CASE.**

Pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Y § 404.1 or Subtitle Z § 404.1, a request is hereby made, the details of which are as follows:

Name: **A. Katherine Szafran**

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Phone No(s): **202-262-4843** E Mail: **Katalase@gmail.com**

I hereby request to appear and participate as a party in Case No.: **18238A**

Signature:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVANCED PARTY STATUS CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO: Subtitle Y § 404.3/Subtitle Z § 404.3:**

I hereby request advance Party Status consideration at the public meetings scheduled for: **March 31, 2021**

**PARTY WITNESS INFORMATION:**

On a separate piece of paper, please provide the following witness information:

1. A list of witnesses who will testify on the party's behalf;
2. A summary of the testimony of each witness;
3. An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any experts will be offered, and the resumes or qualifications of the proposed experts; and
4. The total amount of time being requested to present your case.

**PARTY STATUS CRITERIA:**

Please answer all of the following questions referencing why the above entity should be granted party status:

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 Commission/Board?
2. What legal interest does the person have in the property? (i.e. owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee)
3. What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission/Board? (Preferably no farther than 200 ft.)
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 Commission/Board is approved or denied?
5. Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied.
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 persons in the general public.

### **Party Witness Information**

1. A list of witnesses who will testify on the party's behalf;  
A. Katherine Szafran, the party.
2. A summary of the testimony of each witness;  
I can provide documentation of the current food-related trash that is available to the rat population at the applicant's property.
3. An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any experts will be offered, and the resumes or qualifications of the proposed experts; and  
None.
4. The total amount of time being requested to present your case.  
15 minutes.

### **Party Status Criteria**

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 Commission/Board?  
I am a long-time home owner living in this mixed-use block (Square 902) and have spent considerable efforts and personal funds keeping rats out of my home, an issue that has become considerably worse in the past decade. Any action related to food disposal on the Square has an impact on the rat population. The applicant conducts business in this square which includes a food business, therefore, the applicant's proposal has a direct impact on my property.
2. What legal interest does the person have in the property? (i.e. owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee)  
I own the property.
3. What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission/Board? (Preferably no farther than 200 ft.)  
Less than 200 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 Commission/Board is approved or denied?  
The food-related trash, and storage thereof, at the applicant's property is a major food source for rats in the block. From there, the rats disperse throughout the block, creating burrows or entering homes and businesses. This poses a major health risk to those living in the block.
5. Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied.  
If a proper indoor trash room is constructed and used properly, the rat population will lose a significant food source which will aid Square 902's efforts to control the rat population.
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 persons in the general public.  
The rats currently obtaining food at the applicant's property have an impact on those living Square 902. The majority of the rats eating at the applicants property create burrows on the Square, posing a health risk.