

March 7th, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I desperately urge you all to vote AGAINST this proposal!!

The alley's infrastructure and size simply cannot handle the 8 additional residents and countless employees, patrons, and guests that will likely result from this proposal. The alley is far too narrow to be safe as is. It is completely unfit for pedestrian traffic, utility and delivery trucks, and cannot accommodate the 6 parking spots in this proposal. This proposal has no plan for trash removal and where bins will be located for pick-up. Snow and ice makes the alley un-navigateable. The noise, light, and trash pollution that all surrounding neighbors will have to incur for the rest of eternity **dramatically lowers the quality of life for all residents.**

As owner of 1023 Columbia Rd. N.W., I can personally attest to the above statements. The alleyway alongside my property is only 10 feet wide and contains telephone poles which narrows it even further. Any alley traffic goes along side my home and windows. The alley is so narrow that my house is literally struck by a vehicle on average once a month. My back fence was recently destroyed by a small commercial truck whose owner refuses responsibly – I am filing a case in small claims court. Just last month, a DC small garbage truck struck my home while attempting to exit the alley. 2 months ago, two separate private vehicles chipped bricks off my home and the mirrors of utility trucks regularly scrape the security bars protecting my windows. I will be bringing pictures to the hearing on March 29th. Finally, neither my property or the building in question is built out to either's property lines. If they were, no traffic could make the turn in the alley as is. I share this information not because the proposal will personally negatively impact me but rather to demonstrate that the alley's size and infrastructure cannot accommodate residences or density within the alley.

The current approved plans already allow the current owners and developers to be profitable. The scope of the new proposed project and the way in which the owners have sought approval is simply out of pure greed. In information sessions and ANC meetings, no real hardship of the owners has been proven. The firm has made no improvements to the property in the three years of ownership and have consistently planned to use the system to expand their plans to whatever extent they can get away with.

The outcry of so many neighbors coming together and dedicating tremendous time to express their concerns truly demonstrates the immense negative impact that this project will have.

For the sake of our community and the countless residents of Columbia Rd., 11th St., Irving St., and Sherman Ave. that consistently work so hard to improve our neighborhood, I ask that you do not approval this proposal!

Regards,

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