

**Janis C. Gross
4608 Sargent Road, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017
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STATEMENTS REGARDING USE VARIANCE APPLICATION

**The applicant pledges that contact was made to adjacent property owners and the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) to discuss my application initially filed as a Special Exception. The contact was made November 20, 2014 to all property owners within 200 feet of the premises. Additionally, ANC 5A, SMD 5A03 Commissioner Adrian Jordan was contacted via email. He received responses from the contacted property owners via telephone and email.
(Attachments provided)**

On December 18, 2014, 5A Chairman Ronnie Edwards convened a community meeting for a full vote of the commission and after hearing from the applicant and receiving documents from Commissioner Jordan in support, a vote was held and a letter of support was voted for FAVORABLY in support of proper permitting of the carport located at 4608 Sargent Road, N.E., Washington, DC.

The application for consideration is filed as the carport is a free-standing structure and is not attached to the main building as specified in Section 2300.8, "Private Garages and Carports."

The structure is a free-standing carport in the rear of the aforementioned address which is the middle unit of a 3-unit row dwelling. It is used to provide shelter for two (2) vehicles belonging to the property owner and is directly accessible from the public alley. The privacy of the neighbors is preserved and does not adversely affect the use of their properties.

The applicant does seek relief from the lot occupancy maximum of 40% as the proposed 54.2% provides coverage for the depth and width of the applicant's two vehicles. It should be noted that the even side of the 4600 block of Sargent Road, N.E. (southbound lane) has a No Parking Anytime restriction resulting in every homeowner having rear lot parking spaces.

I am a 33-year homeowner and a senior citizen with medical conditions which could be debilitating. This carport will have a positive impact on the physical activity I would have to perform based on weather elements.