

ATTN: Frederick Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 19452

Dear Chairman,

I have lived in 5B03 for decades. I have repeatedly objected to this site and the way the City has conducted itself throughout the process. My concerns are not being relayed by those responsible for telling the ANC, and I am upset.

The City continues to bait and switch the residents - we are told one thing and the City ends up doing whatever it wants. We get told about a plan for our area, and now the City wants to change it up on us by building a massive complex that completely contradicts what we've been told to expect. We get told the City may put a shelter in Ward 5, but then they change the site at the last minute. Now, they want to put 46 families on that little spot at 1700 Rhode Island Ave. That's not even close to being fair for those families. The City would need a 40% floor variance and a 39% height variance to get that many people in there, and where will the kids play? On the antenna? In reality, the City is asking for a variance to completely destroy the character of the site, the station, and the neighborhood, so they can build an ugly, sub-standard facility.

My SMD is full of good people. Some of us house homeless individuals and families in our personal homes, so we all know and understand the needs. As a community, we already provide more than our fair share of support and care for those in need, but we are tired of being deceived.

This is an historical building that has stood as a neighborhood testament to DC's history. We want it to stay the way it is - no matter the use. I do not support the City's effort to once again back off its promises to our neighborhood and our Ward. I oppose the application, and I oppose any variances. You can consider this letter applicable to any future application for any variances, too. The City has made numerous promises, and it is time they kept their word to our neighborhood.

Signed,

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