

Frederick L Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW, Ste 200S
Washington DC, 20001

October 24, 2017

RE:

BZA Case 19629/Request for Zoning Relief for Carriage House at 1665 Harvard St NW
Letter of Opposition

Dear Sir,

I am an owner and resident of 1762 Hobart St NW, Washington DC, which shares an alley with 1665 Harvard St. **I am writing in opposition to the applicant's plans in Case 19629.**

My main opposition is that, contrary to the applicant's statement, this will indeed adversely affect the use of neighboring property, primarily the public stairs and alley to the east of the applicant's lot. There is significant foot traffic (including many people with disabilities who reside in Harvard Towers), as well as vehicular traffic, in the alley between Hobart and Harvard Streets. Many pedestrians take this route to access the public alley and stairs adjacent to this lot. Allowing a building of this size will greatly diminish the safety of pedestrians by limiting visual access at the intersection of these public alleys. The applicant's case for the benefits of "eyes on the street" is severely undercut by the treacherous blind corner that this would create for pedestrians.

I see no compelling reasons why the applicant should be granted special exception for a structure that will endanger the safety of his neighbors.

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