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Special Exception Application 322 8th Street SE- BZA#19785

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- **Date:** June 26, 2018

Subject : BZA Application for a Garage Expansion at 322 8th Street SE BZA #19785

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment,

This letter serves to explain revisions made to the plans for a garage expansion, submitted on June 26, 2018.

At the ANC 6B meeting on June 12th, 2018, neighbors raised concerns about privacy. The ANC specifically requested that the applicant work directly with the owner of 320 8th Street SE in order to alleviate her privacy concerns.

On June 25th myself and the applicant, Paul Vinovich, met with the owners of 318 8th Street SE and 320 8th Street SE. In that meeting we discussed design modifications that would offer them more privacy. We proposed that the French door be eliminated, and instead we would plan on a standard door and window. The door is to be on the south side of the yard-facing façade. On the north side of the yard façade we are proposing a high window that will not offer views of 318 or 320 8th Street SE.

Additionally, the deck was modified in shape so that it will be 11' wide and 6' deep. This allows for an approximately 6.4' space between the proposed deck and the property line shared with 320 8th Street SE. A privacy screen was also added to the north end of the deck. The revised deck puts the lot occupancy at 69.3%.

Finally, a sun study was completed at the request of the ANC and has been submitted to the record. The sun study demonstrates that there is very little impact to the sunlight enjoyed by the adjacent neighbors.

Summary:

The plans for the garage expansion were presented to the ANC 6B Planning and Zoning Committee on June 25th, 2018. The Committee voted to support the proposed addition with the condition that we make best efforts to meet with and work with the adjacent neighbor. This request has been satisfied and we feel that the revised plans are a fair compromise.

We would like to request the Zoning Commission to grant the request. The addition does not unduly affect the light and air of neighbors, and the requested relief is not inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the Zoning Regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Board of Zoning Adjustment District of Columbia CASE NO.19785 EXHIBIT NO.34

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