

Statement of Existing and Intended Use

1724 N. Capitol St. NW was a mix use building located on North Capitol St. Dating back from 1964 the building has always had a commercial certificate of occupancy. The last occupancy at the location was a hairdresser. We own Jam Doung, a Jamaican carry-out next to the building at 1726 N. Capitol St. NW. We intend to move our restaurant from 1726 N. Capitol St. to 1724 N. Capitol St. We have been doing business here in the neighborhood for almost 20 years. And we are receiving the enthusiastic support of our neighbors.

Burden of Proof Statement

Variance Review Standard

We believe that 1002.1 (b) relates to us directly. I, Janet Stedman, and my mother, Marjorie Hutchinson, have worked extremely hard for years in an effort to better ourselves and our community. Our restaurant is our livelihood, that's how we make a living; that's how we feed our families. All the money we had saved from working went into the purchase of 1724 N. Capitol St. NW. We purchased this building with the intent to move our business so we can have a bit more space. If we are not granted the zoning approval it would result in exceptional and undue hardship on us. My mom, myself as well as all our employees would be out of a job. my mom has been doing this work for almost 20 years, so I don't know what she would do.

Special Exception Review Standard

Special exception review standard 901.2 wants us to show that we would be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the area. Being that our business already exists in the neighborhood, I would argue that we are already in harmony with the neighborhood. The neighbors have expressed to us that they love having our restaurant in the neighborhood. We bring diversity as well as great food at a good price. Being that we have been apart of the neighborhood for almost 20 years, we have witnessed the bad and the good. We have seen babies grow up, and teenagers become professionals. Two years ago we were given the keys to the Corridor by North Capitol Main Street. That key signify that we were the first to open a business on the North Capitol Corridor.

Our business moving next-door will not adversely affect our neighbors because it's a corner lot. Jam Doung has always had a positive effect on the neighborhood. We have done community out reach and volunteer food as well as our services to neighborhood events. After 20 years of serving the Bloomingdale area, many of our customers have become more than just neighbors. They have become our friends and our community.

Statement of Public Outreach

This letter is to certify that on September 14, 2018 I sent an email to my local ANC commissioner, Bertha Holiday. In the letter I ask for support for our move from 1726 N. Capitol St. NW to the building located next door at 1724 N. Capitol St. NW. In the letter I requested a meeting with the ANC Board as well. I have also gathered a lot of support from our neighbors through petitions as well as some statements of support.