

December 18, 2019

To the Chair of the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I understand that the owners of 1832 15th Street NW want to build a very large addition to the back of their house. The addition will be 3 stories, 24 feet high and will stick out more than 13 feet farther into the rear yard than the houses on either side. I also understand the owners of 1832 15th want to add a 2nd story to their garage with both a bathroom and eating facilities. The result will occupy 70% of the entire lot.

I understand the owners of 1832 15th Street CANNOT build an addition this big as a matter of right and are, therefore, seeking a Special Exception from you.

I have lived on the same alleyway as 1832 15th Street for more than 20 years.

I want to express my support for my neighbors at 1830 and 1834 15th Street in their opposition to the plan to build this large addition to the back of 1832 15th Street.

The proposed addition is too big and out of character with the other homes on the alleyway. It is clear to anyone who lives on this alleyway that this addition will have a major adverse effect on the sunlight, air and privacy in the rear yards of 1830 and 1834 15th Street. This addition will place a major part of the back yard of 1834 into shade and that is not fair. I certainly would not want such a large addition next to me.

The alleyway we all live on has houses with small enjoyable back yards. Filling up so much of a back yard, as proposed, would have a negative effect on the enjoyment we all have in the open low scale feel of our alleyway and would set a very bad precedent.

I also understand that the owners of 1832 15th have been asked, but have refused, to compromise with their neighbors over the size of this large addition.

I respectfully ask that you deny this request for a Special Exception to the Zoning Regulations to add this large addition to the rear of 1832 15th Street.

Sincerely,



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