

**Testimony of Nick DelleDonne,
And Dupont East Civic Action Association,
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Case 20258 1416 15th St NW
July 15, 2020**

Good morning, BZA Chai Fred Hill. Thank you for this opportunity to address the Board of Zoning Adjustment in the matter of 1416 15th St., NW. My name is Nick DelleDonne and I represent the Dupont East Civic Action Association (DECAA), whose borders include the property in question. We oppose the application.

We attended the ANC2B meeting where this application was presented, and we attended the ANC's meeting of its Committee on Zoning, Preservation and Development.

At both meetings the question of whether the applicant had contacted the neighbors and, at both meetings, the applicant was unable to say more than, "We tried." The address is in an historic district and in flux. Homes are being purchased and converted into rental units where the residents are transient and do not share the investment in the community as long term tenants and homeowners.

The applicant seeks to extend the back of the dwelling. In a visit to the rear of the property we found a nest of half a dozen homes jammed to to make egress from the rear difficult. We found what appears to be an easement designed to allow the residents in the complex of homes egress to the alley. At the ANC meeting, the applicant was unable to say if there was an easement. The proposed development will further encumber the egress of all the tenants and residents out their back doors to the alley.

In such a crowded site, a development at 1416 15th St would restrict air, light and privacy for residents in the complex of homes on the alley.

We notice at the rear of 1414 15th St. is a smokestack that would abut the new proposed development. See attached photo.

DECAA opposes the application to develop the rear of 1416 15th St.

