

July 18, 2022

via IZIS

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Letter in Support of Harrisons – 3007 Albemarle St NW

Dear Members of the Board,

Our names are Sam and Sarah Buffone and we am the owner of the property located at 5019 Linnean Ave. NW, which is in the R8 zone and nearby 3007 Albemarle Street NW.

Our family was lucky enough to move into this neighborhood in 2020. We find it one of the most special neighborhoods in D.C. – close to a metro, multiple robust commercial strips, multiple fantastic playgrounds, and backing up on rock creek park. It is a neighborhood we want to share with as many as we can. We were happy to learn that the house that recently sold across the street from us would be torn down to build two new houses as the only way we can share this neighborhood with more families is to have more housing. D.C. is not getting any bigger and we should not give up the greenspace that makes this city special. Therefore, the only way we can meet our collective goal of 36,000 new units is more density where it makes the most sense: near commercial areas and metro stations.

We write in strong support of the special exception for the Harrison's to subdivide their property to build two homes where there is currently only one. We have always found it an interesting property; seemingly the original house with a large front lawn that was subdivided into the numerous houses that now line Albemarle. That subdivision many years ago certainly had a drastic change to the look and feel of the neighborhood. And, while the proposed variance will have a much smaller impact, it will certainly change that small part of the neighborhood. But D.C. is constantly changing all over the city. Often this part of NW D.C. is insulated from that change. But it does not need to be.

This variance seems to be a small step the Board of Zoning Adjustment can take to help promote more housing in all parts of the city. We hope the Board will grant the special exception and let our neighborhood grow and evolve like the rest of the city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

By: /s/ Sam Buffone

Address: 5019 Linnean Ave. NW

Name: Sam Buffone