
Shaun Manning

Bryant St. NW Resident

Application No. 21151 of Dinesh and Nidhi Tandon
Address: 2324 N. Capitol St. NW
ANC: 5E

May 17, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

As a Bryant St. NW resident for more than 20 years I have witnessed the growth and observed the changes to our neighborhood. One thing that has never improved and continues to worsen is the increasing lack of parking for homeowners. In my opinion, a full service restaurant will cause substantial detriment to public good and harm to the zone plan. The previous SunBeam grocery store primarily serviced neighborhood patrons who would walk up, not drive and park. A full service restaurant will require a substantial number of parking spots for employees, dining patrons and their vehicles. Bryant St. does not have enough spaces to accommodate existing residents and restaurant patrons. Parking is often like a waiting game and we circle the block, repeatedly, searching for a parking space.

I'll also mention that a restaurant's increase in commercial trash will definitely add to the rodent population. The current zoning is in place, in part, to protect a community and I fail to see how increased traffic, less parking, delivery scooters crowding our streets and allies, commercial trash, increase noise and oversized delivery vehicles represent progress.

Mr. Tandon knowingly deceived the Bloomingdale community with talk of opening a coffee shop while designing a full service restaurant since day one. A restaurant of this nature would be better suited in the new Mcmillian complex or the 1st/Rhode Island ave corridor, which is zone for such businesses.

In my opinion, the applicant chose to build a restaurant without consideration to the legal restrictions, the surrounding neighborhood and its limitations. This shows a lack of consideration towards his/her potential neighbors and for this reason I am not in favor of the applicant's special exception and variance relief.

Sincerely,

Shaun E. Manning

Bryant St NW Resident and Property owner within 200 ft of the proposed
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