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To whom it may concern:

My name is Tammy Lamb and I am a long time resident at 36 Bryant St. NW. I am writing in opposition to the request by Mr. Dinesh Tandon to re-zone the property at the corner of Bryant St and North Capital, NW in order to open a restaurant for the following reasons:

1. Restaurants are high use and high occupancy entities. Therefore, in or on a residential block it will result in increased traffic and increased noise levels.

The development of McMillan place will already add to the high traffic and noise in the area. We are an exit from the hospital, VA, Howard University etc.

2. Concern for trash build up leading to rat and bug infestation which we are already dealing with.


3. Commercial properties require deliveries which will only compound traffic issues on Bryant Street. I was personally involved in petitioning for the conversion of Bryant street back to a one-way street. It was noted that with two way traffic there was less than 1 inch between park cars on both sides and 2 additional cars traveling in opposite direction. In general, there simply was not enough space. With commercial deliveries, take out pick ups and routine traffic, this will compound the issue.

4. Finally, Mr. Tandon argues that this has been a financial burden. However, it is one of his own making. First, he lied to the community when he approached us stating he wanted to re-open the store for general supplies, with a small cafe-like atmosphere offering coffee, tea and light food items. Yet, his documents he has sent to the community state he was looking for a larger kitchen then his present restaurant for his wife to cook in. This means he always planned to open a restaurant. Secondly, he knew of the zoning issue based on comments from his previous lawyers. If he had been straight forward with the community, he would have known of the opposition and if he had followed the zoning laws he would never have started construction on an illegal restaurant. It is as though he would rather ask for forgiveness than follow the law and ask permission.

There are several other things I can think off but these are my main reasons for opposing the re-zoning of the property.

Sincerely,

Tammy

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