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My husband and I own and live in the residence across the alley from the owners of 627 A St NE. We oppose granting the 4 requested exceptions to the laws to complete the proposed building and expansion of that property. Our concerns are related to safety issues that might arise out of the parking area access to the narrow alley. Pedestrians, bicyclists & cars would not be visible to a driver when exiting the space until the car is well into the alley. The view is blocked by the proposed new building to the right, & the proposed privacy fence to both right and left. And because the alley is so narrow, I would expect the limited turning angle to create certain and frequent damage to the property opposite. It's hard to imagine how the fence doors will open for parking without blocking the alley. Another concern is the height and depth of the new building. It would partially block our outside view of the neighborhood, even more so if a roof-top AC unit is installed. More importantly, the plans eliminate valuable green space, replacing the existing growth with cement. It also further closes in the next-door back yard, reducing light (for her green garden) and air flow. Further, a 3-bedroom 2-story residence in place of the garage is NOT fitting with existing structures on the A Street side of the alley...there are none!

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Best,  
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