



Jackie Jacobson &lt;jmj2253@gmail.com&gt;

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**1508 Swann Street NW**

5 messages

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**Gail Jacobson** <g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com>  
To: "2B09@anc.dc.gov" <2B09@anc.dc.gov>  
Cc: Jackie <jmj2253@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 11:48 AM

Dear Christopher,

My name is Gail Jacobson and our address is [1508 Swann Street NW](#). I left you a voicemail in addition to this email. I'm contacting you in regards to illegal construction that has occurred next to our property. Our rear neighbor has built a non - permitted elevated deck structure that abuts our back exterior wall with limited to no set back from our property line. The structure along with a black tarp directly in front of our window blocks and black outs a window in our living room. I would like to speak with you for guidance on this issue.

Respectfully,  
Gail Jacobson  
847-624-1789

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**Davis, Christopher (SMD 2B09)** <2B09@anc.dc.gov>  
To: Gail Jacobson <g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com>  
Cc: Jackie <jmj2253@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Hi Gail,

Have you contacted the Department of Buildings about this? They have a team that inspects and enforces these kinds of issues. If you can send me a photo, I'd be happy to file a request with them, or I can stop by later today.

Thanks,  
Christopher

**Christopher Davis**  
Commissioner, ANC 2B09  
Chair, ANC 2B Land Use Committee

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**From:** Gail Jacobson <g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2024 11:48  
**To:** Davis, Christopher (SMD 2B09) <2B09@anc.dc.gov>  
**Cc:** Jackie <jmj2253@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** [1508 Swann Street NW](#)

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Board of Zoning Adjustment  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO. 21330  
EXHIBIT NO. 43B

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To: "Davis, Christopher (SMD 2B09)" <2B09@anc.dc.gov>  
Cc: Jackie <jmj2253@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 1:12 PM

Hi Christopher,

Yes we have contacted them. They came out and inspected and issued a citation. Despite that the construction continued and the black tarp was put up.

My daughter will send you photos and would like to meet with you anytime tomorrow.

Respectfully,  
Gail Jacobson  
[Quoted text hidden]

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**Jackie Jacobson** <jmj2253@gmail.com>  
To: Gail Jacobson <g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com>  
Cc: "Davis, Christopher (SMD 2B09)" <2B09@anc.dc.gov>

Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 1:21 PM

Hi Christopher,

See attached photos.

Let me know what time works best for you tomorrow.

Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

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**Illegal Construction at 1818 15th St NW**

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**Hanlon, Brian (DOB)** <brian.hanlon@dc.gov>

Fri, Sep 13, 2024 at 10:49 AM

To: Jackie Jacobson &lt;jmj2253@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: Gail Jacobson &lt;g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com&gt;, PDKLEIN &lt;pdkleindc@gmail.com&gt;, "Velasco Rodriguez, Pablo (Council)" &lt;pvelascorodriguez@dccouncil.gov&gt;, "charlie@charliegaynor.com" &lt;charlie@charliegaynor.com&gt;, "Davis, Christopher (SMD 2B09)" &lt;2B09@anc.dc.gov&gt;

Ms. Jacobsen, thank you for notifying me about this situation and of course I will bring in my team to address this and communicate with you as we move forward.

Brian

**Brian J. Hanlon, AIA LEED AP®** | *Director*

The DC Department of Buildings

[brian.hanlon@dc.gov](mailto:brian.hanlon@dc.gov) | 1100 4th St SW, DC 20024

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**From:** Jackie Jacobson <jmj2253@gmail.com>**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 5:07 PM**To:** Hanlon, Brian (DOB) <brian.hanlon@dc.gov>**Cc:** Gail Jacobson <g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com>, PDKLEIN <pdkleindc@gmail.com>, Velasco Rodriguez, Pablo (Council) <pvelascorodriguez@dccouncil.gov>, [charlie@charliegaynor.com](mailto:charlie@charliegaynor.com) <charlie@charliegaynor.com>, Davis, Christopher (SMD 2B09) <2B09@anc.dc.gov>**Subject:** Illegal Construction at [1818 15th St NW](#)

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Hello Brian,

My name is Jackie Jacobson and I live at [1508 Swann St, NW](#) in Washington DC. I have been referred to you by PD Klein at the Dupont Circle Conservancy. Also, Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, Constituent Services Coordinator for Council member Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 has been in contact with the DOB on my behalf regarding an issue with illegal construction by a neighbor at the rear of my property.

I'm a first time home owner and purchased my new home in February of 2022 after having rented in DC and the surrounding areas since graduating from college. I love my house, neighborhood and being part of the DC community.

In early July of this year, I observed my neighbor at [1818 15th St NW](#) initiating a construction project that abuts to the rear wall of my house with little to no setback and at eye level with my living room. My neighbor texted me on July 8th and said that he was "only building a carport to cover his car" and to be "rest assured that we're not going to cover your window or obstruct your view or light in anyway". After subsequently having a brief discussion with him while walking in the neighborhood, I texted him on 7/15 and asked him about the permit that he had mentioned in our brief discussion that he said had gotten approved. I also asked him about zoning ordinances and let him know that I had not received any notice of the permit. He did not respond to this text.

After receiving no response to my text, I initiated an illegal construction notification process with the DOB, reference # 24ENF-IC-03011. The DOB sent out an inspector that issued a citation for illegal construction, i.e. constructing without a permit on 7/22/24. The Inspection Results from the DOB for [1818 15th St NW](#) Issue Citation, being Owner had a rear deck installed without a Building (Deck) Permit, which he stated he thought his Architect obtained the permit, but no permit was listed in the DOB Accela System.

After the citation was issued, I observed my neighbor continuing and completing the construction of the illegally constructed elevated deck that abuts the rear wall of my house and is at eye level with my living room floor level. The most recent actions at the end of July were to add a trellis that blocked the view of the rear window in my living room, then in early August a black tarp that both blocked and darkened the view of the rear window in my living room and most recently in early September has added a flag to block the view from the other rear window in my living room.

At the suggestion of Pablo Velasco Rodriguez, Constituent Services Coordinator for Council Member Brooke Pinto, Ward 2, I have submitted a follow-up on the Illegal Construction Request and have asked for a stop work order to be issued.

The concerning impacts to me for this illegal construction that abuts the rear of my property with little to no setback and that is at eye level with my living room is 1) access to and functionality of piping for my home that runs up the rear facade 2) reduced safety and security-there is now easy access to my home from the elevated deck, 3) loss of privacy, 4) loss of natural light and view and lastly 5) potential reduction in the market value of my home.

For your review, I've attached the photos that demonstrate the following:

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[1508 Swann St NW](#) is not just an address, but it is what I call home. I would greatly appreciate your help in addressing and remedying this situation as soon as possible. I would appreciate setting up a time to discuss this further and can be reached at 847-687-2872.

Respectfully,  
Jackie Jacobson  
847-687-2872



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**Re: Illegal Construction at 1818 15th St NW**

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**DC Department of Buildings** <dob@dc.gov>

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 4:17 PM

Reply-To: dob@dc.gov

To: mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov, support@dob.mail.kustomerapp.com, jmj2253@gmail.com

Good afternoon Ms. Jacobson,

Thank you for contacting DC's Department of Buildings. Director Hanlon requested that I follow up on your inquiry. I was able to review our recent Illegal Construction inspection completed by Inspector Jones today, September 16, 2024.

Inspector Jones knocked on the door of [1818 15th St, NW](#) and received no answer. Unfortunately, the inspector did not have access to view the deck. To fully assess the situation, we may need another option to view the property in question. I will reach out to our Illegal Construction department to schedule another inspection. We appreciate your inquiry and are committed to addressing your concerns promptly.

Best Regards,

Mark-Anthony Tynes | Account Manager, Office of the Director  
The Department of Buildings  
[mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov](mailto:mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov) | [1100 4th St SW, DC 20024](#)  
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Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 10:50 AM

To: DOB.AMAP <[DOB.AMAP@dc.govmailto:DOB.AMAP@dc.gov](mailto:DOB.AMAP@dc.govmailto:DOB.AMAP@dc.gov)>Subject: FW: Illegal Construction at [1818 15th St NW](#)

Please see below and attached regarding this IC issue. Please have someone communicate with Ms. Jacobsen.

Thanks all!

Brian J. Hanlon, AIA LEED AP® | Director  
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inquiry and are committed to addressing your concerns promptly.

Best Regards,

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**Jackie Jacobson** <jmj2253@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 9:27 AM

To: dob@dc.gov

Cc: brian.hanlon@dc.gov, mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov, support@dob.mail.kustomerapp.com, g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com

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Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

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Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 9:41 AM

To: dob@dc.gov

Cc: brian.hanlon@dc.gov, mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov, support@dob.mail.kustomerapp.com, g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com

Is it possible to have dispatch schedule for an inspection for today? They are out working there now. I am concerned if you wait until tomorrow you will miss access again.

Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

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**DC Department of Buildings** <dob@dc.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 2:38 PM

Reply-To: dob@dc.gov

To: jmj2253@gmail.com

Cc: brian.hanlon@dc.gov, mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov, support@dob.mail.kustomerapp.com, g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com

Good afternoon Ms. Jacobson,

Inspector Jones has added [1818 15th St NW](#) to his schedule for inspection today. The inspector will give you a call shortly.

Best Regards,

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The Department of Buildings  
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On Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 1:41 PM <[jmj2253@gmail.com](mailto:jmj2253@gmail.com)> wrote:

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On Mon, Sep 30, 2024 at 9:04 PM <[dob@dc.gov](mailto:dob@dc.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Jacobson,

I hope this message finds you well. Please be informed DOB attempted inspections on September 16 and September 20, 2024, but access was not granted on both occasions. I have now scheduled an inspection with Inspector Jones for tomorrow, October 1, 2024. The purpose of this inspection is to assess any potential damage to your window and obtain a clear view of the neighboring construction from your vantage point.

Inspector Jones will contact you prior to arrival to ensure access.

The follow up on the Illegal Construction inspection conducted on July 22, 2024, which resulted in DOB Notice of Infraction 24ENF-IC-03911 has been filed with DC's Office of Administrative Hearings, and the case number for tracking the status is 2024-DOB-054115.

Best Regards,

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**Jackie Jacobson** <jmj2253@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 10:11 AM

To: dob@dc.gov, mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov

Cc: brian.hanlon@dc.gov, support@dob.mail.kustomerapp.com, g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com

Hi Mark,

Following up on this. Did the inspection take place? I reached out to Inspector Jones but have not heard back.

Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

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**Jackie Jacobson** <jmj2253@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 10:53 AM

To: dob@dc.gov, mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov

Cc: brian.hanlon@dc.gov, support@dob.mail.kustomerapp.com, g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com

Hi Mark/Brian,

Following up again. Has a stop work order been processed?

I have been trying to get resolution on this for the past 3.5 months... My windows are still obstructed by the neighbor.

Please provide an update.

Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

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**Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB)** <mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov>

Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 12:12 PM

To: Jackie Jacobson <jmj2253@gmail.com>, "DOB (DOB)" <dob@dc.gov>, "Pyuzza, Jerome (DOB)"

<Jerome.Pyuzza@dc.gov>

Cc: "Hanlon, Brian (DOB)" <brian.hanlon@dc.gov>, DOB Kustomer CRM <support@dob.mail.kustomerapp.com>, "g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com" <g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com>

Good morning Ms. Jacobson,

The Stop Work Order has not been processed. The case is currently under management review by Illegal Construction Program Manager Jerome Pyuzza.

I am looping in [@Pyuzza, Jerome \(DOB\)](#) for his expertise and guidance.

DOB will circle back when an update has been processed.

Best Regards,

**Mark-Anthony Tynes** | Account Manager, Office of the Director

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**From:** Jackie Jacobson <[jmj2253@gmail.com](mailto:jmj2253@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2024 10:54 AM

**To:** DOB (DOB) <[dob@dc.gov](mailto:dob@dc.gov)>; Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB) <[mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov](mailto:mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov)>

**Cc:** Hanlon, Brian (DOB) <[brian.hanlon@dc.gov](mailto:brian.hanlon@dc.gov)>; DOB Kustomer CRM <[support@dob.mail.kustomerapp.com](mailto:support@dob.mail.kustomerapp.com)>; [g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com](mailto:g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com)

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Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 1:57 PM

To: "Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB)" <[mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov](mailto:mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov)>, Jackie Jacobson <[jmj2253@gmail.com](mailto:jmj2253@gmail.com)>, "DOB (DOB)" <[dob@dc.gov](mailto:dob@dc.gov)>

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Good afternoon,

A stop work order has not been processed for your neighbor at 1818 15<sup>th</sup> st nw. When the inspector arrived last week Oct 3, he was unable to observe active constuciton and unable to gain access to the site. He is scheduled to return to the site today and will be issuing a correction order that will be mailed to the owner in the next two business days, to obtain a permit for the Deck.

**Jerome Pyuzza** | *Illegal construction & Resident Inspector Program Manager*

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In addition, I now have a mouse problem that is likely due to an opening on the exterior of my property (which may have been caused by his illegal construction) that is located in my neighbor's rear property. I am not able to access this to resolve the issue and my neighbor will not provide access. Is there another avenue I can reach out to for this additional issue with access to my own property?

Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

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**Jackie Jacobson** <jmj2253@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 12, 2025 at 4:45 PM

To: "Hanlon, Brian (DOB)" <brian.hanlon@dc.gov>

Cc: "Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB)" <mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov>, "Pyuzza, Jerome (DOB)" <Jerome.Pyuzza@dc.gov>, "DOB (DOB)" <dob@dc.gov>, "Jones, Gregory A (DOB)" <gregorya.jones@dc.gov>, Gail Jacobson <g.m.jacobson1@gmail.com>

Hi Brian,

There has not been a response from DOB on this since October 11th. Can you provide an update? Would be helpful if you can provide info on zoning regulations regarding setbacks as his structure is against the facade of my home.

Additionally, my living room window remains covered by a black tarp that my neighbor put up back in September.

Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

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Sun, Jan 12, 2025 at 8:16 PM

To: Andrea Ferster <aferster@railstotrails.org>

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**Hanlon, Brian (DOB)** <brian.hanlon@dc.gov>

Mon, Jan 13, 2025 at 9:31 AM

To: Jackie Jacobson <jmj2253@gmail.com>, "Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB)" <mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov>

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Ms. Jacobson, @Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB) will provide an update shortly. @Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB) please loop me in \.

Thanks,

Brian

**Brian J. Hanlon, AIA LEED AP®** | *Director*

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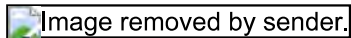
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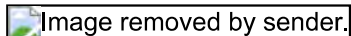
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**Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB)** <mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov>

Mon, Jan 13, 2025 at 12:10 PM

To: "Hanlon, Brian (DOB)" <brian.hanlon@dc.gov>, Jackie Jacobson <jmj2253@gmail.com>

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Good afternoon Ms. Jacobson,

I hope this email finds you well. DOB sincerely apologizes for the delay in responding to your earlier communication. I wanted to provide you with an update regarding illegal construction at 1818 15<sup>th</sup> St NW.

On October 11, 2024, a Stop Work Order was issued by DOB concerning the deck and garage, which were constructed without the required neighbor notification, permits, and final inspection. Additionally, a new fence was installed without obtaining the necessary permits.

Inspector McCottrey is scheduled to conduct an inspection today, January 13, 2025. This inspection will address the tarp currently covering the living room window and verify that zoning regulations are met.

At the request of management, DOB is also requiring an engineer's report on the structure that was built, as well as the blueprints for the construction.

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Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to resolve these issues promptly. Should you have any questions or require further details, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best Regards,

Mark-Anthony Tynes | Account Manager, Office of the Director

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On Mon, Jan 13, 2025 at 2:31 PM <[brian.hanlon@dc.gov](mailto:brian.hanlon@dc.gov)> wrote:

Ms. Jacobson, @Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB)<mailto:mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov> will provide an update shortly. @Tynes, Mark-Anthony (DOB)<mailto:mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov> please loop me in .

Thanks,

Brian

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On Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 3:41 PM <[jmj2253@gmail.com](mailto:jmj2253@gmail.com)> wrote:

Here are some photos that I took just now. They are setting up for more work...

Is it possible to expedite the correction order? Or get an inspector over now?

Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

On Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 3:34 PM <[jmj2253@gmail.com](mailto:jmj2253@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Jerome,

My neighbor has more guys working there today. Did the inspection take



place yesterday?

Should I submit another illegal construction form?

Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

On Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 5:57 PM <[jerome.pyuzza@dc.gov](mailto:jerome.pyuzza@dc.gov)> wrote:  
Good afternoon,

A stop work order has not been processed for your neighbor at [1818 15th st nw](#). When the inspector arrived last week Oct 3, he was unable to observe active constuciton and unable to gain access to the site. He is scheduled to return to the site today and will be issuing a correction order that will be mailed to the owner in the next two business days, to obtain a permit for the Deck.

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 4:12 PM <[mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov](mailto:mark-anthony.tynes1@dc.gov)> wrote:  
Good morning Ms. Jacobson,

The Stop Work Order has not been processed. The case is currently under management review by Illegal Construction Program Manager Jerome Pyuzza.

I am looping in @Pyuzza, Jerome (DOB<mailto:Jerome.Pyuzza@dc.gov> for his expertise and guidance.

DOB will circle back when an update has been processed.

Best Regards,

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On Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 2:53 PM <[jmj2253@gmail.com](mailto:jmj2253@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Mark/Brian,

Following up again. Has a stop work order been processed?

I have been trying to get resolution on this for the past 3.5 months... My windows are still obstructed by the neighbor.

Please provide an update.

Thank you,  
Jackie Jacobson

On Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 2:11 PM <[jmj2253@gmail.com](mailto:jmj2253@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hi Mark,