

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**



**BZA Application No. 21347**  
**Sima J. Gandhi Management Trust and Richard Kyle Gurley Management Trust**  
**3564 Alton Place, NW (Square 1970, Lot 82)**

**HEARING DATE:** October 15, 2025<sup>1</sup>  
**DECISION DATE:** October 15, 2025

**SUMMARY ORDER**

**RELIEF REQUESTED.** The application requests the following relief in order To permit a fourth story, to an existing, detached, four-story, principal dwelling in the R-1B zone:

- Area variance from the maximum height and number of stories requirements of Subtitle D § 203.2, pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002.1(a) (*40 ft. and 3 stories maximum permitted; 43 ft. and 4 stories proposed*)

The application was accompanied by a memorandum from the Zoning Administrator, certifying the required relief. (Exhibit 3.)

**PARTIES.** The parties to this case were the Applicant and Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 3F, the “affected ANC” pursuant to Subtitle Y §§ 101.8 and 403.5(b) of the Zoning Regulations (Title 11 of the DCMR, Zoning Regulations of 2016, to which all references are made unless otherwise specified).

**NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING.** The Board of Zoning Adjustment (the “Board”) referred the application to the appropriate agencies and provided proper and timely notice of the public hearing in accordance with Subtitle Y § 402.1.

**ANC REPORT.** The ANC’s report indicated that at a regularly scheduled, properly noticed public meeting on September 16, 2025, at which a quorum was present, the ANC voted to support the application. (Exhibit 22.) The ANC report raised no issues or concerns.

**OFFICE OF PLANNING (“OP”) REPORT.** OP submitted a report recommending approval of the application. (Exhibit 19.)

**DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“DDOT”) REPORT.** DDOT did not submit a report to the record.

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<sup>1</sup> The hearing was originally scheduled for October 8, 2025, but was administratively rescheduled to October 15, 2025.

**PERSONS IN OPPOSITION.** The Board received one letter from a neighbor in opposition to the application. (Exhibit 23.)

**CONCLUSIONS**

Pursuant to Subtitle Y § 604.3, the order of the Board may be in summary form where granting an application when there was no party in opposition. As a summary order, it does not constitute binding legal precedent on the Board and shall not be considered by the Board in evaluating future applications.

Based upon the record before the Board, and having given great weight to the appropriate reports and recommendations filed in this case, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof that the requested variance relief can be granted because:

- There exists an exceptional or extraordinary situation or condition related to the property;
- The exceptional condition creates a practical difficulty, in the case of an area variance, or an undue hardship, in the case of a use variance, in complying with the Zoning Regulations;
- The relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good; and
- The relief can be granted without substantially impairing the intent, purpose, and integrity of the zone plan as embodied in the Zoning Regulations and Map.

**DECISION**

Based on the case record and the testimony at the hearing, the Board concludes that the applicant has satisfied the burden of proof for the requested relief:

- Area variance from the maximum height and number of stories requirements of Subtitle D § 203.2, pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002.1(a) (*40 ft. and 3 stories maximum permitted; 43 ft. and 4 stories proposed*)

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is **GRANTED**.

**VOTE: 3-0-2** (Frederick L. Hill, Carl H. Blake, and Robert E. Miller to APPROVE; Chrishaun S. Smith not present, not participating; one Board seat vacant)

**BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**

A majority of the Board members approved the issuance of this order.

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
**SARA A. BARDIN**

**Director, Office of Zoning**

**FINAL DATE OF ORDER:** October 21, 2025

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 604.11, NO ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN (10) DAYS AFTER IT BECOMES FINAL PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 604.7.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 702.1, THIS ORDER SHALL NOT BE VALID FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, UNLESS, WITHIN SUCH TWO-YEAR PERIOD, AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE ERECTION OR ALTERATION APPROVED IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING A BUILDING PERMIT, OR A REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 705 IS FILED PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE REQUEST IS GRANTED. PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 703.14, NO OTHER ACTION, INCLUDING THE FILING OR GRANTING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y §§ 703 OR 704, SHALL TOLL OR EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE D.C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 2-1401.01 ET SEQ. (ACT), THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED: RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, PERSONAL APPEARANCE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A FORM OF SEX DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. IN ADDITION, HARASSMENT BASED ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROTECTED CATEGORIES IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.