

## Re: Please give me a call right away

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Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 1:42 PM

To: Bernard Guzman <bguz824@gmail.com>

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Dear Mr Guzman, Mr Thomas,

Thank you for following up on the topic of the chosen venue (outdoors, no lighting, outside of working hours) for the presentation of your project to the local ANC. In a recent phone call with Mr Thomas, I clearly expressed why his proposed time nor venue were unconducive to a constructive discussion about this project. I clearly requested we are given a time and date during the ordinary ANC meetings in which I will be able to present via zoom by showing images and addressing all questions about this project.

Mr Thomas has not committed to allowing us to present to the community unless we attend his gathering in the alley with no agenda nor media that will permit us to record the answers provided. Mr Thomas expressed that he was planning to retain legal counsel that may allow him to prevent this project from progressing with the BZA process. He has not clarified his reason for retaining legal counsel nor he detailed his opposition to his project. As shown in the filed documents with BZA, this project complies with all zoning code requirements EXCEPT the side setbacks of the existing front buildings. Mr Thomas didn't express how this negatively affected his nor his constituents quality of life.

I remain committed to transparency and all informational efforts regarding this project, all I request is the proper venue and communications tool that will allow me to explain and discuss the project at hand.

Thank you for your attention to our case,

ileana

Commissioner Thomas--It seems as if you're moving forward with a meeting with neighbors in the alley behind my home to discuss my proposed ADU project. This seems to be an odd venue and inefficient way to address yours and any neighbor's concerns. As I mentioned, neither I nor my wife will be attending your proposed meeting on 09/16 at 6:00pm. However, I'm requesting that neither you nor the neighbors block access to my garage during this event, as we will be using the garage during transit.

-Bernard Guzman

On Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 1:00 PM Ileana Schinder <ile@ileanaschinder.com> wrote:

Dear Mr Thomas,

Thank you for your time to discuss the project located at 4826 Eastern Ave NE (SSL 0937 0083). As per my previous email, I respectfully request a time and date for me to present the drawings for this project within the formal ANC process.

Based on our conversation, the ONLY time and location you agreed to is in the alley behind my clients' house. Due to personal reasons, I am not available at that date and time. Based on our call, I offer the following alternatives to communicate with clients about the details of our project:

- 1. Answer all the ANC and neighbors' questions via email, records to be shared to BZA and be part of the file of this case. We remain open to receive emails, answer them and file them until October 1st. The BZA hearing for this case is October 8th and I want to ensure that all questions have been addressed in a timely manner. Please share my contact information with all concerned neighbors.
- 2. Meet via zoom within the ANC formal meeting times as traditionally is done in all ANCs. Based on our call today, you didn't share dates or times of upcoming meetings. Nor was I given a timeframe when this potential ANC meeting time we would be allowed to participate in. Please email me at your earliest convenience if/when your ANC will allow us to present before our BZA hearing on October 8th.

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  3. Answer phone calls of the concerned neighbors within your ANC that may want to talk about this project and how it will affect them and their properties. This may be the most time consuming options but am bappy to share my phone number with those that may not feel comfortable with the two previous options. 39

Again, thank you for your time this morning that will allow this project to move forward successfully within the Board of Zoning process.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

ileana schinder

CC:Bernard Guzman, BZA submissions, Robert Reid

On Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 10:52 AM Timothy Thomas <txthomas2202@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning and happy Tuesday to you.My name is Timothy Thomas I'm the ANC Commissioner,5A02 this is in regards to the Home at 4826 Eastern Avenue,NE Washington,DC 20017 (Square 937, Lot 83) Relief: Special Exception under: Application No.21364 of Bernard Guzman . Would you please at some point today call me regarding this Application. I'm having a ANC5A02 meeting on Tuesday September 16, 2025, at 6:00pm in the alley behind Home of 4826 Eastern Avenue, NE to discuss the proposed project. My Cell number is (202)390-2229 thank you so much.

Sent from my iPhone

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