

628 Randolph Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am asking that the applications for 630 Randolph Street, BZA
Application No. 21384, **not be approved.**

Granting these variances would go against the very reason the rear yard requirements and lot occupancy were established. This 27 ft extension will be a two-story wall on the property line nearly the complete length of my rear yard. This two-story wall will block airflow and will adversely affect the use of my rear yard. It will also block airflow to the rear of my home and will not be pleasant to look at from my home and yard.

This adverse impact in the rear yards of my and my neighbors' properties is huge., The rear yard is where access to light, open space and air flow is essential for enjoyment. The combined height, depth and mass of the proposed structure would materially impair the use, privacy and enjoyment of the adjacent property owners. The Applicant's proposed rear addition would introduce a structure that is unprecedented in scale, depth and mass compared to any existing structure in neighboring backyards.

This property, 630 Randolph, does not have alley access. The rear yard is surrounded on all sides by my home and my neighbor's homes. This will impact privacy as this structure reaching almost to the end of the yard will allow easy viewing from this structure into our homes as there will be little distance from the structure to our homes. With no alley access, the only way to the rear is a small walkway that runs down the side of the house from the front. This is concerning should there ever be an emergency. What does the Fire Marshall say about a structure of this size with limited street access, no alley access and limited rear yard space available to use in an emergency...

I would also like point out the issue with the current addition and the construction that was started without a permit. In 2009 and 2010 there were other attempts to do a similar construction by building an extension on an existing extension. A permit (B0905759) was applied for however what was started to be built was much more than what was granted by the permit. The ANC was able to stop the construction because what was being built surpassed the lot occupancy and rear yard requirements, the permit was not valid for what was being done.

However, at that time the second addition's foundation had been poured and construction had started. My brother was never able to find who did the inspection or if the foundation of the second addition had even been inspected and approved.

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February 2011 – second addition foundation poured and walls constructed

The first addition was separating from the house (some filler has been put in the cracks).



2011- first addition separating from house

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Jan 2026 – filler in the crack between the first addition and the house

The foundation of the first addition, which is visible from my yard, is crumbling and is at times exposed to the weather. The wooden support beams are cracked, splintered and crumbling. When it rains the water pours off the roof of this first addition on the side near my home like a waterfall. It puddles around the base of the first addition and eventually gets so deep it floods over into my yard. This first addition and the foundations need to be inspected regardless of the BZA decision.



October 2015 – foundation of first addition

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January 2026 - foundation of first addition

628 Randolph Street, has been my family's home since 1953, before I was born. I grew up in this house. It is my home. I would like to live here and enjoy the neighborhood. I want to be able to sit on my back porch or in my rear yard and feel a nice breeze blowing. I would like to be enjoy my surrounding. I do not want to stare at a wall running down nearly the entire, if not the entire length of my property blocking the breeze and the view. This deep rear addition would substantially and unavoidably impact the character, scale and visual rhythm of our corner of Seventh and Randolph Streets.
Please do not grant the special exception variances from the rear yard and lot occupancy requirements.

Regards,
Chavis A Williams