



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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January 15, 2026

Mr. Frederick Hill
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: Board of Zoning Application by William Michael Ellis Jr. Trustee and Jeanne Van Vorhees Ellis Trustee to construct a rear addition to an existing, attached, three-story, principal dwelling unit in the R-3/GT zone at 1610 32nd Street NW (BZA # 21392)

Dear Chairperson Hill,

On January 10, 2026 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

The ANC Commissioner has spoken with both attorneys and the main affected neighbor who is strongly opposed to any BZA exception and has provided a compelling argument.

ANC 2E's understanding as of January 10th is that there has been little to no direct owner to owner discussion. We understand the BZA encourages dialogue when exceptions are sought. We note that 2 years ago a spiral staircase was built without any permits and are pleased to see the applicant attempting to follow procedures in our tight knit community.

We understand the key deciding factors in meeting the criteria for a special exception is the effect on light and privacy. Clearly there is an adverse and undesirable loss of light to the neighbor to the North. There is also a concern addressed as to the math and calculations related to the exception.

We look to the BZA to make the ultimate determination on the decision if this application meets the criteria for the requested exception.

COMMISSIONERS:

Kishan Putta, District 1	Topher Mathews, District 2	Paul Maysak, District 3
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Commissioners Topher Mathews (2E02@anc.dc.gov) and Paul Maysak (2E03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Topher Mathews', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Topher Mathews
Chair, ANC 2E