

PETITION

IN SUPPORT OF

BZA Application No, 21451 of O'Rayon McKnight

133 Galveston Place, SW | Square 6239, Lot 89
Board of Zoning Adjustment, District of Columbia | ANC 8D07

CASE SUMMARY

Applicant: O'Rayon McKnight

Property: 133 Galveston Place, SW (Square 6239, Lot 89) | R-2 Zone | ANC 8D07

Case Type: Variance

Request: Convert an existing semi-detached, two-story plus basement flat into a 4-unit apartment house in the R-2 zone.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Type	Relief	Pursuant To
Use Variance	Convert to a 4-unit apartment house, from a nonconforming use (existing flat)	Subtitle C § 204.4 Subtitle X § 1002
Use Variance	From the matter-of-right uses of the R-2 zone to permit a 4-unit apartment house	Subtitle U § 201.1 Subtitle X § 1002

GROUND IN SUPPORT

The applicant, O'Rayon McKnight, respectfully requests approval on the following grounds:

- The property contains an existing nonconforming flat; however, it was originally built and used as a 4-unit apartment house for over 40 years. The Applicant seeks to return the property to its original use as 4 units. The scope of work does not alter the building's footprint, height, or exterior character.
- The R-2 zone's matter-of-right uses do not permit 4-unit apartment houses, but the physical structure is already suited to multi-unit occupancy, and denial would impose undue hardship on the owner.
- The conversion adds needed rental housing in Ward 8 without displacement, demolition, or new construction — consistent with the DC Comprehensive Plan's housing equity goals.

NEIGHBOR SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned residents of the neighborhood, have been informed of the above BZA application and indicate our position below.

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