

July 10, 2026

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
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Re: BZA Case No. 21472 — Application of Janice Bashford and Darryl Maxwell, 5722 3rd Street NW

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of the application of my neighbor, Janice Bashford and Darryl Maxwell for a variance to permit the construction of a rear deck at 5722 3rd Street NW. I reside at 5718 3rd St NW, which is directly adjacent to the applicant's property, and I am familiar with both the property and the proposed project.

I have reviewed the plans for the proposed deck and have no objection to the requested relief. The deck is modest in size, constructed of high-quality composite materials with aluminum railings, and is entirely consistent with the character of our block, where rear decks and porches are a common and expected feature of rowhouse living.

From my perspective as an adjoining property owner, the project will have no adverse effect on my property or on the neighborhood. It will not meaningfully affect light, air, or privacy for surrounding homes, and it will not be visible from the street. If anything, the improvement reflects the kind of investment and care in our homes that strengthens the block and supports property values in the neighborhood.

The rowhouse lots on our block are narrow and shallow, and I understand that strict application of the rear yard requirements would leave the applicant with no practical way to build even a modest deck. Granting the requested variance would cause no detriment to the public good and would allow a reasonable improvement that neighbors like me welcome.

I respectfully urge the Board to grant the requested variance. I am happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bill Sheridan Combes', written over a horizontal line.

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