

Personal Statement of Intent

Application of: Taleesha Scott Richardson
Address: 3708 24th Street NE Washington, DC 20018
Square: 4242 Lot: 0044
Zone: R-1-B (ANC 5B07)

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to share our intention to rebuild and restore our family home at 3708 24th Street NE, which was severely damaged by a fire that began in a neighboring property. This home represents not only our personal investment but our emotional and creative foundation. Our goal is to rebuild our forever home — one that reflects our family's growth, our professional work as musicians and educators, and our deep connection to the Woodridge community.

Our proposed design includes a three-story rear addition and a third-floor expansion to the existing structure, as well as a new detached garage with a basement accessory dwelling unit (ADU). These changes will allow us to create a multigenerational home where we can raise our young children and continue to support our extended family. As artists and teachers, we also hope to create spaces that nurture creativity and community — including a piano studio and voice studio within our home.

We recognize the challenges of building on a 25-foot-wide nonconforming lot, and we've worked closely with our architect to design a structure that balances our family's needs with the surrounding neighborhood's character. The third-floor addition does not extend as far back as the lower floors, ensuring that our neighbor continues to receive ample light and air. The relocated garage also creates more open space and better airflow for the adjacent property.

The design reflects the architectural evolution of our neighborhood, similar to the newer home at 2214 Otis Street NE, and 3924 22nd Street NE while maintaining the warmth and scale of a traditional detached residence. The inclusion of an ADU also reflects our desire to give someone else the opportunity to live and work in the District.

Rebuilding this home is deeply personal to us. It represents resilience, renewal, and the chance to contribute meaningfully to the community we love. We thank the Board for your consideration and the opportunity to share our vision for a home that honors both the past and the future of 24th Street NE.

Sincerely,



Taleesha Scott Richardson
Owner/BZA Applicant