



BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSION OR  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



**FORM 140 - PARTY STATUS REQUEST**

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**PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU SIMPLY WISH TO TESTIFY AT THE HEARING. COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WISH TO BE A PARTY IN THIS CASE.**

Pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Y § 404.1 or Subtitle Z § 404.1, a request is hereby made, the details of which are as follows:

Name:	Spring Valley Neighborhood Association ("SVNA"), c/o William Clarkson		
Address:	4805 Sedgwick St, NW, Washington, DC 20016		
Phone No(s):	202-423-7098	E Mail:	wclarksonv@gmail.com

I hereby request to appear and participate as a party in Case No.:	22-13
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Signature:		Date:	5/31/2022
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Will you appear as a(n)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proponent	<input type="checkbox"/> Opponent	Will you appear through legal counsel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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If yes, please enter the name and address of such legal counsel.

Name:			
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Phone No(s):		E Mail:	

ADVANCED PARTY STATUS CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO: Subtitle Y § 404.3/Subtitle Z § 404.3:

I hereby request advance Party Status consideration at the public meetings scheduled for:	
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**PARTY WITNESS INFORMATION:**

On a separate piece of paper, please provide the following witness information:

1. A list of witnesses who will testify on the party's behalf;
2. A summary of the testimony of each witness;
3. An indication of which witnesses will be offered as expert witnesses, the areas of expertise in which any experts will be offered, and the resumes or qualifications of the proposed experts; and
4. The total amount of time being requested to present your case.

**PARTY STATUS CRITERIA:**

Please answer all of the following questions referencing why the above entity should be granted party status:

1. How will the property owned or occupied by such person, or in which the person has an interest be affected by the action requested of the Commission/Board?
2. What legal interest does the person have in the property? (i.e. owner, tenant, trustee, or mortgagee)
3. What is the distance between the person's property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission/Board? (Preferably no farther than 200 ft.)
4. What are the environmental, economic, or social impacts that are likely to affect the person and/or the person's property if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied?
5. Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied.
6. Explain how the person's interest will be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than that of other persons in the general public.

**Zoning Commission Case No. 22-13**  
**Party Status Request of Spring Valley Neighborhood Association (“SVNA”)**  
**Form 140 - Supplemental Information**

**Party Witness Information:**

1. **A list of witnesses who will testify on the party’s behalf:** William Clarkson and Derry Allen may testify on behalf of the Spring Valley Neighborhood Association (“SVNA”).
2. **A summary of the testimony of each witness:** SVNA’s testimony will address neighborhood support for Wesley Theological Seminary’s (the “Seminary”) application and how it could directly impact Spring Valley neighborhood residents and homeowners. The testimony will also focus on SVNA’s engagement with community stakeholders to address concerns regarding potential objectionable impacts.
3. **Expert Witnesses:** None
4. **The total amount of time being requested to present your case:** 10 minutes

**Party Status Criteria:**

1. **How will the property owned or occupied by such person, or in which the person has an interest be affected by the action requested of the Commission/Board?**

SVNA represents homeowners residing in the Spring Valley neighborhood, which borders the Seminary campus. This proposed campus plan would likely affect Spring Valley neighborhood residents and homeowners, particularly with respect to the transportation, traffic, parking, and development impacts.

2. **What legal interest does the person have in the property?**

SVNA represents homeowners residing in the Spring Valley neighborhood, which borders the Seminary campus, and we have been active participants in the Seminary’s Community Liaison Committee. SVNA has also participated as a party in multiple Zoning Commission cases affecting the neighborhood, including American University’s application to construct a Hall of Science (ZC 11-07G) and American University’s 2021 Campus Plan application (ZC 20-31).

On May 31, 2022, the SVNA Board of Directors (the “Board”) authorized the submission of this party status request application by SVNA Co-President and Board Co-Chair William Clarkson. Under Article IV of SVNA’s Governing Principles, *“Members of the Board shall*

*be authorized to take action on all matters requiring attention when the Association is not in session and upon urgent matters requiring action prior to any meeting of the Association.”*

**3. What is the distance between the person’s property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Commission/Board?**

The Seminary campus property that is the subject of the campus plan application is directly adjacent to the Spring Valley neighborhood.

**4. What are the environmental, economic, or social impacts that are likely to affect the person and/or the person’s property if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied?**

Spring Valley neighborhood residents, including homeowners represented by SVNA, are likely to be affected by transportation, traffic, parking, and development impacts of this proposed campus plan. SVNA supports the Seminary’s application, subject to the proposed conditions set forth in Exhibit 12.A7 and appreciates the Seminary’s ongoing efforts to address community concerns. In particular, SVNA strongly supports the Seminary’s commitment to construct a community playground and appreciates the Seminary’s support for a new sidewalk on University Avenue between Rodman Street and Massachusetts Avenue. Moving forward, it will be important for the Seminary to continue to work with involved community stakeholders, including ANC 3D, to ensure that it follows through on its commitments to mitigate any adverse impacts from the proposed campus plan.

**5. Describe any other relevant matters that demonstrate how the person will likely be affected or aggrieved if the action requested of the Commission/Board is approved or denied.**

**6. Explain how the person’s interest will be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than that of other persons in the general public**

Because of the proximity of the project site to the Spring Valley neighborhood, residential homeowners represented by SVNA will face greater impacts than the general public.

## Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on May 31, 2022, copies of the attached were delivered via email to the following:

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