

Monday, July 8, 2018

Clifford Moy
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
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Dear Mr. Moy:

I am writing to support construction of the garage with an accessory apartment at issue in BZA Case 19521A. I live at 3536 S St NW and have for the last year. My house is on the same alley as the proposed garage and accessory apartment, just a few houses away.

My housemates and I have come to love living in Burleith. It is a great location to commute to work to downtown DC as well as continuing my education up the street at American University for graduate school. The neighborhood could absolutely support more housing and it could certainly use it as well: rental prices are quite high and the available housing stock is fairly old.

In addition, adding more residents who—unlike many homeowners—are unlikely to own a car will help keep the neighborhood's transit service. I take the DC Circulator bus every day to and from work downtown, yet last year DDOT proposed cutting Circulator service to Burleith. Residents were opposed to those cuts and the only way to ensure they do not take place is for there to be more riders. More tenants in the neighborhood would help ensure this.

Finally, the alleyways in Burleith are neglected and feel unsafe, especially at night. Having a second-story alley apartment would create a watchful presence on the alley, to the benefit of everyone in the neighborhood.

I hope you approve the construction at 3520 S St.

Sincerely,

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