

Good morning. My name is Kristie Kenney and I live at 2604 36<sup>th</sup> Place, NW. My home is located across the alley on a diagonal from the proposed facility under discussion.

I strongly endorse the testimony you have heard, and that you will subsequently read, from my neighbors expressing our strong opposition to BZA Case 19751. We believe the proposed project poses serious **safety concerns** (adding additional and commercial vehicles to a small and already congested alley that is used often by small children and families), **health concerns** (a dramatic increase in the trash collected in the ally, attracting rodents and pests; noise, water, and light pollution), and **quality of life concerns** (dramatically changing the character of a leafy, single family residential neighborhood). We also have serious concerns about the viability and proposed management of the facility in question.

In my testimony, I would like to add an additional aspect that amplifies the concerns expressed about traffic congestion, parking, and resident safety.

Supply and equipment trucks for the nearby Kimpton Glover Park Hotel use Davis Street to park their trucks while unloading. Monday through Friday from approximately 6:30 am- 1:00 pm daily and sporadically throughout the afternoon hours, large trucks park on Davis street across from the alley that the proposed facility will use for loading, service, parking and access. As you can see from the slides/display we presented, these trucks dramatically reduce the vehicle space on Davis Street. They also make alley access extremely difficult for passenger vehicles and virtually impossible for vans, trucks, or larger vehicles. As residents exit the alley to go to work or take children to school, we often must go into the hotel facility to search for truck drivers to get them to move so that we have room to exit the alley. Entrance to the alley from Davis Street is similarly impeded. This choke point would also become a serious problem for the proposed facility in terms of access for their deliveries, ambulances, vans, and passenger vehicles.

Non-neighborhood residents (either hotel guests or those who live in apartments across Wisconsin Avenue, including cars with diplomatic license plates) regularly seek overnight parking on Davis Street. Often these cars park in a way that encroaches across the alley opening, impeding access by all but the very smallest of passenger cars. This currently poses a problem for residents exiting the alley early in the morning and would pose significant problems in the future for the commercial trucks, ambulances, vans and passenger traffic needed for the proposed facility.

My comments are intended to amplify and add additional context to our grave concerns concerning BZA Case 19751. My 95-year-old mother lives in a memory care facility in the greater Washington DC area. As such I have great interest in quality memory care facilities. But BZA Case 19751 proposes a facility that poses grave safety, health, and quality of life issues for a residential neighborhood. The developers have made no serious effort to address these issues, nor have they shown any ability or experience to adequately manage the proposed memory care facility. I strongly urge the BZA to reject this case.

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