

July 9, 2018.

Board of Zoning Adjustment Suite 200/210-S 441 –
4th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application for relief by ROK Development LLC at 524 Jefferson Street, NW BZA Application #19781

Dear Members of the BZA:

I reside at 608 Jefferson St NW in apartment 204, I've lived there since 2010. I am glad that more investments are being done in our community and new developments are coming such as the case of 524 Jefferson Street NW. However, I also wanted to state some concerns that I have on that project:

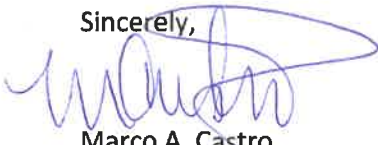
I am concerned about the direct negative impact that is going to have on the light and flow of air in my property and also in all the east side of our building. I expressed my concerns during the ANC meeting on 7/2/2018. I could see that many people also shared the same concern; during that meeting no one showed his/her support to this project in the way that it is now.

I am always happy when a property is revitalized as that helps the whole neighborhood. However, I'm truly convinced that the development MUST have as its main objective to boost the health and wellbeing of the majorities. In this case the project will be affecting the quality of life of many families living in my building including my own family.

In addition, the project pursue to change the current architecture and design of the front area of the property which should not be the case. I totally oppose the construction of a balcony at the same level of my property (second floor). No balconies have been built in that neighborhood and that would set a bad precedent if approved so other neighbors will start doing the same changing the character and consistency of the buildings. Also if they build a balcony that will expose my property as anyone can easily access to my apartment through it, making it less safe.

I respectfully ask to deny this project request in the way that it is now.

Sincerely,



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