

Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Suite 210S  
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: BZA Case No. 20135 – 3428 O Street, NW- Post-hearing Submission**

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to enter into the record an objection regarding the denial of the request for party status.

The requirement in the zoning regulations clearly states: Subtitle Y 404.13: *The Board shall grant party status only if the person requesting party status has clearly demonstrated that the person's interests would likely be more significantly, distinctively, or uniquely affected in character or kind by the proposed zoning action than those of other persons in the general public.*

There is no specific requirement to own an adjacent, directly abutting property to the Subject Property. I applied for party status, as advised by the BZA's own office, and complied with all requirements. The denial based on the lack of owning an adjacent property is improper as I demonstrated that my interests, along with those of my immediate neighbors, were more significantly affected by the proposed variance than those of the general public. Since my home is only three doors down from the Subject Property, I will face issues of parking, pedestrian traffic and noise, litter, rodents and a decrease in my property value that the general public would clearly not.

Thank you for noting this objection into the public record of Case 20135.

Melinda Roth