

Case# 20135

October 26, 2019

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I am writing regarding the potential opening of “Call Your Mother” deli, at 3428 O St. I live at 3409 O St., across the street and down a few houses from the proposed delicatessen. The scale of this business is all wrong, and defeats the whole point of why people live here. The neighborhood is quiet and residential, full of kids and families. A big commercial enterprise drawing huge daily crowds doesn't make any sense for the neighborhood. It wouldn't make any sense on any quiet residential block in any part of the rest of the city.

There are so many reasons why the location of CYM is such a terrible idea. Parking is already so tight, and when there is an event on the Georgetown campus, at one of the neighborhood schools, Sunday church services, or construction in the summer, there is literally no place to park in the neighborhood. And like so many of the local residents on these occasions, I circle the blocks over and over again looking for a space. CYM will bring huge amounts of cars every day, and this already very difficult parking situation will become permanently impossible, a huge everyday challenge for residents busy with work and kids. (The only other nearby business that serves food--Saxby's, is almost all local foot traffic).

There is already terrible rush hour traffic morning and afternoon at both 35th and O St. and at 34th and O St. This business will increase that traffic exponentially, to the point where the blocks will simple not be navigable at these times.

Please understand, this neighborhood is simply not built for and cannot handle the huge amount of cars, bustle, and people CYM will bring. As the board is aware of, CYM will be big business! Long noisy lines creating huge amounts of trash, rats, traffic congestion, noise, honking, and shouting, long lines every morning, all day and every day, snaking round what is a quiet residential block full of longtime families and

residents. A business of this scale will be a beast on the block, and if this is approved, the immediate neighborhood will be completely altered, and we will lose so much of what makes it local and livable. I've no doubt many people will be moving (our nice neighbors at 3405 O St. have just put up their house for sale, and if this business is approved--to be honest, we probably will as well), and the long lasting structures of familiarity that bind the neighborhood will be seriously frayed, if not all together destroyed.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

All best,

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