



1832 15th Street, NW Proposed Addition

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Dear Commissioner Hanlon and Commissioner Landry,

We are writing to you regarding a project in my immediate neighborhood will be reviewed by ANC 2B09 and 2B04 this Wednesday, October 2nd, and next Thursday, October 10th. We want to express our support of both 1830 and 1834 15th Street NW's opposition to the planned addition at 1832 15th Street NW. The addition would be a huge change to the historic character and smaller footprint of our neighborhood. Also, our understanding is that the owners of 1832 15th did not reach out to neighbors to find some compromise, despite a request by the ANC to do so.

Additionally, it appears that the owners of 1832 15th have little concern for how their oversized addition will affect the neighboring houses and will remove more greenspace from the neighborhood. Having lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years, we believe that new owners should have some appreciation for the existing character and not try to create huge houses that overpower neighboring structures. We do not support this lack of consideration, both to their immediate neighbors and to the neighborhood, and are against granting an exception to a 70% occupancy, plus a rear deck, plus third floor deck, plus a two story garage.

The addition will be larger than any of the neighboring houses and create a 13 ft deep and 24 ft high solid wall along the side of their yards, which will drastically and negatively affect the enjoyment of the neighbors when using their outdoor spaces. Such a huge addition will block the sunlight and air flow and make the space very uncomfortable. Allowing this massive expansion to proceed will grant permission for every house to do so and soon the charming historic alleys beautiful rear yards of DC row houses will be lost.

We understand this cannot be built as a "matter of right" and are opposed to this massive addition. This is in clear violation to the intentions of the RF-2 Dupont Circle zoning regulations.

Sincerely,

Ed Wood & Rich Rossi

[1505 Swann Street, NW](#)

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