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Dear Mr. Frederick Hill, Chairman of Board of Zoning Adjustment,

Good afternoon.

I received a letter from the DCOZ BZA, dated May 13, 2020, titled "NOTICE REGARDING BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT VIRUAL HEARINGS:" announcing about 33 rescheduled virtual hearings. One of the hearings is Case # 20244 – 1777 Bond Street Equites LLC and Columbia Road of DC LLC, 1767-1777 Columbia Road NW and that is the subject of my email. The letter was to inform me of a hearing that was postponed to June 2, 2020, and that letter was the first notice that I received regarding their request for zoning relief and it did not contain any information about what zoning relief they were requesting. I did not receive any prior notices.

This property, 1767-1777 Columbia Road NW, is directly behind my house (1768 Lanier PI NW).

I left a voicemail at DCOZ BZA on Friday 05/29/20 and emailed [dcoz@dc.gov](mailto:dcoz@dc.gov) this morning and got a return call from Robert Reid. Mr. Reid emailed me a PDF of a letter that he said was mailed to residents within 200 feet of the project site, but I had never received that letter. There is no way I would have overlooked a letter from DCOZ BZA. I asked multiple neighbors if they received the letter and nobody had received it. I put the question out on the neighborhood listserv too, and nobody had received the letter. I could see one or two people overlooking a letter, but not this many people.

I respectfully request that the hearing be delayed to give neighbors a chance to familiarize themselves with the request for zoning relief and be able to comment. I work full time and therefore doing the research on very short notice is not feasible, and I know that most of my neighbors also have many other commitments too, meaning that they can't research and comment on this on short notice.

The owners of 1767-1777 Columbia Rd built one 6-story mixed-use residential building adjacent to the currently planned building, and they did not follow the building plans that they submitted to DCRA for their permit. Among other things, they proposed six roof drains in their permitted plans but only installed two roof drains. Because of this, the properties across the alley from them got flooded. This happened because they hired third-party inspectors who signed off on work that did not follow the permitted plans, and DCRA looked the other way. I have every reason to believe that they will do the same types of things with this construction project. Therefore I am opposed to giving these people any zoning relief and also I have the right, as an adjacent property owner, to be notified of what it is that they are asking for.

Please postpone this hearing until after the neighboring property owners are properly notified of the request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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