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Mr. Frederick L. Hill Chairperson Board of Zoning Adjustment One Judiciary Square 441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210 - South Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Application No. 20380
 4457 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20007
 Square 1363, Lot 57(formerly Lot 962) "4457 Property")

Dear Chairperson Hill and Members of the Board,

My name is Jo Weathers and I have lived in Washington DC for the 87 years of my life and at 4461 MacArthur Boulevard NW for the past 62 years. My family owned the property at 4465 MacArthur Boulevard NW where the current Foxhall Terrace Apartments are located.

I oppose the development of 4457 to an eight unit condominium building.

My property sits directly to the rear of the 4457 Property and the 4459 Property with a fence along the property line. Even with one to two people living at 4457 or 4459, my fence was damaged through the years. I had the fence replaced in 2019.

Because I mostly sit in my kitchen that faces the 4457 Property, I am worried my sun will be blocked. I am afraid of loosing any peaceful privacy I currently have and importantly that my safety will be impacted. I will look out at parking spaces that are sure to damage my new fence because there is no way that four cars can fit in the area they propose. My new fence, installed in 2019, will likely be damaged by the construction and

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turnaround traffic. I am requesting that a guard rail (similar to what we see on the highways) be installed to protect the fencing and my property for 4461 MacArthur.

There is <u>nowhere</u> for 4457 Property residents' cars to turn around. For years people at 4457 MacArthur used my driveway in order to turn around to return to MacArthur Boulevard, or back down into the parking lot for Foxhall Terrace at 4465 MacArthur Boulevard. I dealt with occupants of 4457 (honking their car horn to tell me to get out of the way on my own property and on occasion have almost been backed over). The situation will only get worse - if you allow the proposed development for the 4457 Property. My sons have decided, for my safety, to erect fencing/gates across the entrance to my property in order to keep people from backing up into my property all the time. It's an expense I don't need at my age. But what else am I to do?



I walk my dog three times a day, down the driveway for a walk along the boulevard, then back again, that's at least six times back and forth every day, rain or shine, in warm weather and cold weather. That highly trafficked driveway is very dangerous for drivers and for pedestrians. It is the only access to MacArthur Boulevard for 4457, 4459, 4461 and 4465. I'm including a picture looking from the foot of my driveway down towards MacArthur Boulevard. The parking lot to Foxhall Terrace is to the right in the picture and the Lea residence at 4459 is to the left.



I believe the project at the 4457 Property will greatly have a negative impact on my life, my visiting family members, and the lives of all future residents of my property as well as the properties at 4459 and 4465 MacArthur Boulevard.

I strongly oppose the currently proposed development of the 4457 Property.

Sincerely,

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