

April 6, 2021

via IZIS

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

Re: Letter in Support of BZA Case No. 20445 – 106 13th Street, SE

Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Natalie Moffett and my husband and I are directly next door neighbors to Spiro's new restaurant at 106th 13th St SE. He has been keeping us apprised of the latest zoning and building issues with the restaurant. As his neighbors we are very interested in seeing the business open and succeed as it has been abandoned for almost three years. We are in full support of his efforts at opening all three floors to service.

I understand that he needs to obtain a use variance for the second floor and basement. We are extremely supportive of the variance and understand the hardships of having restaurant use on just one floor. We have lived next-door for 17 years and have seen a lot of turnover in this space. This turnover evidences the difficulty of operating the restaurant use on just one floor with residential use on the top. I imagine no one would want to live above a restaurant. A restaurant use on all three floors makes sense in this space and location. Spiro is the most promising new restaurateur we have had in that spot since we've been here almost 17 years. The city does not make it easy to open a new business here and I fear that Spiro will have to abandon his attempts soon after any further hurdles.

Since we are next door, I don't think anyone else is as directly affected as us on the neighbor front and we are in full support and respectfully request that the BZA approve the requested relief.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

By: 
Natalie Moffett