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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
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RE: BZA Case 20636

Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of the application of Gene & Patricia Godley and Phoebe & Robert Sharkey (Exhibit 57) and Jody Westby (Exhibit 32) in Case 20636 for party status.

I am a member of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D which has filed comments on this case (Exhibit 39), and am the author of the ANC letter. The subject property is within my Single Member District, and I am writing in that capacity. Normally, I would be testifying before the BZA in this case, representing ANC3D, to present our recommendations. However, I will be travelling at the time of the hearing and will not be able to participate, for which I apologize. However, I hope that you give full consideration to the ANC3D comments.

I want to express my view of the desirability of having the BZA hear a full set of arguments of this case. There has been a divide within the community about the merits of this case, with the Homeowners Association in support of the application and the closest neighbors in opposition. I am writing to urge the BZA to give party status to the closest neighbors (Gene Godley et al.) and to the Homeowners Association (Jody Westby) so that both can each be heard and help the BZA understand the merits of this case. Based on my extensive study of this case, I believe the public interest would be served and the BZA would benefit from hearing each of these sides. There are many issues that these parties can elucidate for the BZA that are not covered in the ANC3D letter.

Sincerely yours,

Chuck Elkins, Commissioner