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RE: Application No. 20713 - Comment Submission for Public Hearing Scheduled on Wednesday, May 11, 2022

I live at 1210 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003. My concern with this proposal is the construction truck traffic and use of the alley. Importantly, my home's garage is on a 90-degree turn in the alley.

- Truck drivers regularly demonstrate that they do not have the requisite skill to navigate the alley and 90-degree turn with large trucks. DC has not imposed restrictions on the size of trucks allowed in the alley (which should be no larger than a regular pickup truck in my opinion).
- Due to the 90-degree turn trucks regularly fail to exercise care and are scraping a metal post installed to prevent damage to the garage. However, trucks have also damaged the woodwork of my garage and fail to stop and pay for the damage. As additional background, another neighbor has installed railroad ties along the base of their fence and trucks regularly scrape against these as they attempt to navigate the 90-degree turn. This shouldn't happen and we shouldn't have to fortify our homes against contractor trucks and damage.
- Beyond trucks failing to successfully navigate the 90-degree turn they have scraped paint off of my home and have damaged the bricks on facade of my home which runs the length of a portion of the alley. They never stop to report the damage. Damaging bricks and removal of paint is very expensive to repair and essentially the entire home has to be repainted after repairs. I'm retired and don't have income to pay for this sort of thing.
- In addition to the concerns above, I'm also concerned about trucks blocking our use of the alley. This occurs regularly when there is even light construction such as installation of solar panels (which is a one-day job). This project will require persistent construction over an extended period of time and it isn't acceptable that trucks block our garage doors or ability to back out of our garages.

Requests:

- Please prohibit large trucks from enter the alley.
- Please prohibit the contractor from using the alley for parking construction personnel vehicles and parking construction vehicles.
- Please prohibit blocking of resident use of and access to the alley for entering/exiting garages and for children who play in it at times.
- Please require persistent senior construction supervisors to be onsite and to actively supervise their personnel and drivers.
- Please require the contractor to pay for 100% of damage to any home/fence, etc.

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Please don't force me to monitor daily the entry and exit of construction vehicles and to have to argue with drivers about damage. Please don't dismiss my concerns just because I'm older and retired.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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