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Dear Commissioners:
RE : ZONING COMMISSION HEARING OF THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13 2020 ON CASE 19-21

I would like to add some points. Any major changes to RF1 Zones must be by full consultation with DC Residents. The Hearing of February 13 2020 was not adequately publicly advertised to DC Residents and Communities or brought to local ANCs for them to have a proper input in the proceedings and informed of proposed changes as well as its impact on their neighborhood.

This Hearing may be unconstitutional. Changes should first have been discussed citywide at neighborhood meetings and at the ANC level with the findings brought to the Zoning Board on the best way forward. This seems to be an attempt by DC Officers and Consultants to force their own vision of Future Zone RF1 on DC Residents with a quick meeting on February 13 2020 where they have previously determined changes is unacceptable

As a resident of Lanier Heights who with many, many others spent well over three years working to have our area rezoned to RF1 in 2015 it is unconscionable to then hear that barely a few years later officers are attempting to make major changes without proper consultation to overturn and undermine the rules that protect local homeowners and their homes. Our community strongly feels that any and all proposed changes being discussed in Case 19-21 on February 13 2020 be withdrawn and the proper procedures of consultation with all local communities through their ANCs be undertaken including a fully publicized Final Public Meeting in a Town Hall prior to any Zoning

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Commission review of any proposed changes as the ones listed in Case 19-21.

The proposed changes in 19-21 should be sent back to DC Residents for Consultation prior to a final recommendation being brought to the Zoning Commission. This has always been the procedure prior to changing Zoning Rules in DC and any attempts to ram through immediate changes proposed in 19-21 is strongly opposed.The Meeting of February 13 2020 should request that DC officers go back on their proposals and advertise this citywide , consult local ANCs and communities and take their input. This is following previously established procedures prior to proposing and implementing any major changes in RF 1 Rules.

It is only after due process has been followed that specific changes proposed such as eliminating the need for rooftop architectural element by special exception which is fully opposed can be discussed. The Zoning Commission set up a Hearing for February 13 200 on major modifications to the current RF 1 Zones without proper consultation or public information to DC Residents whose Properties and lives will be affected by these major changes to their homes and living conditions. All recommendations proposed for Case 19-21 must be withdrawn until the proposals have been taken directly citywide to DC Residents as detailed here.

Thank you for the opportunity of adding my voice, and that of my husband.

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On Tue, 11 Feb 2020 at 16:52, Bonnie Roberts-Burke <bonburke@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear Commissioners:

Regarding, Case 19.21 I am writing to urge you to support expanding protection of rooftop solar panels from neighboring pop-ups. However, I recommend that you keep current shading study standards and oppose allowing the Zoning Administrator to set these standards.

I am also writing to express my concerns about the following recommendations, which suggest that 19-21 needs more time and revisions prior to coming before the Commission.

Keep the current rooftop architectural element protections as is. Allowing all changes to go before the BZA will open the door to subject determinations and will also burden the BZA.

Require projects located in historic districts that are requesting removal of rooftop architectural elements to come before the BZA.

Require requests to remove rooftop architectural elements to comply with all applicable development standards.

Explain why current language prohibiting interference with neighboring chimneys or vents is no longer necessary.

Thank you for considering my requests,

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