

DC Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW, 200S
Washington, DC 20001

March 3, 2022

Re: ZC Case Number 21-18 Dance Loft Ventures, LLC

Members of the Commission:

I would like to bring to your attention the inordinate number of letters of support submitted to the case file for the Dance Lofts Venture, LLC as various petitions designed by the Dance Loft, accessible on their website, to garner support for their ambitious project. While it is not unusual to receive submissions with differing points of view, the receipt of over 100 letters of support seems highly unusual.

I am respectfully requesting that the Commissioners disregard 122 of these petitioned letters of support as they have been signed by people who do not live in the District of Columbia, nor do they live in 16th Street Heights. In fact, as of March 2, only thirteen people living in 16th Street Heights, with seven of them living in the neighborhood directly impacted by this project, have submitted letters of support.

I have attached two spread sheets documenting this information as of March 2, one with valid letters of support, and one with letters which should be disregarded.

While I have no issue with petitioning, I find flooding a case file with repetitious letters not only disrespectful to the Commission hearing this case, but to the neighborhood. This project, along with the renovated WMATA Bus Barn, and a recent proposal to build an “over 55” apartment building at 14th and Webster, are part of the “Node Two” Small Area Plan for 14th Street, NW. These projects are changing the neighborhood in major ways, and the people most affected by these changes should be the ones whose voices are heard.

Sincerely,

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