

## **Board of Zoning Appeals – Variance Support Statement**

To the Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals,

We are the neighbors who live directly across 22nd Street from the homeowners requesting the fence placement variance. We have a 13-month-old daughter who has just started walking, and we anticipate spending time next summer playing in the homeowners' yard together with our families.

Their yard is one of the nearby outdoor spaces that is both social and inviting for families with small children. However, the current retaining wall along the alley leaves an open concrete edge. Without a fence in place, we would have to constantly worry about our daughter's natural curiosity and the risk of her getting too close to that drop-off. The homeowners' proposed railing would completely remove that hazard while maintaining clear visibility for everyone using the alley.

We have seen the plans for the railing and its see-through design. It is far more open than a typical fence and will not obstruct sight lines for vehicles or pedestrians. More importantly, it will give us peace of mind knowing our children can play safely in the yard without us having to constantly shepherd them away from a dangerous edge.

We believe this fence will benefit not only the homeowners but also the safety of neighborhood children who will spend time there. For these reasons, we strongly support the variance request and urge the Board to approve it.

Sincerely,

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