

**Testimony of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society
before the DC Historic Preservation Review Board on March 4, 2021
631 G Street, SE HPA 21-177**

My name is Beth Purcell and I am testifying on behalf of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society's Historic Preservation Committee. We reviewed the plans for the project dated January 22, 2021.

The existing house was built in 1877; no changes to the exterior are proposed. The applicant plans to add a second story for an apartment to an existing one-story garage, in an alley with garages of varying age, mostly brick and a somewhat industrial aesthetic. There are several two-story garages on this alley and the houses on the rear of Ellen Wilson Place, SE on this alley are also two stories. The new roof would be an asymmetrical gable roof; gutters will keep stormwater within the property. The Ellen Wilson houses have symmetrical gable roofs. The proposed roof differs from the more typical flat roofs on other garages in this alley, but we believe that it is appropriate in this context. The garage would be 20 feet tall, within HPRB height guidelines.

The design and materials for the rear elevation is appropriate.

We believe that the project is compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Thank you for considering our comments.