

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR  
26-34 CHURCH LN**



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**26-34 E. Church Ln - in Favor of development**

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**Date** Sun 1/26/2025 10:58 AM

**To** preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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I am writing to support the redevelopment of this parking lot into a 5 story apartment at 26-34 E. church Lane. I know there is pushback from a few very vocal residents, but as a homeowner two blocks away, I would love to see more development on my neighborhood and make it easier for development. My family and I moved to the neighborhood and want to stay, raise our family, and contribute to this community but cannot do that with abandoned buildings, dangerous parking lots, and hostility toward developments.

Thanks,  
Nelle



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**Hearing Tues. 9 AM, Jan 28, 26-34 Church Lane**

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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing concerning your 9 AM meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2025 to discuss a planned project for 26-34 Church Lane in Germantown. In 2023, this project (link below) was presented to the residents of Church Lane, other near neighbors including important historic properties on Germantown Ave. around Market Square. Everyone opposed it and the variance they needed was denied.

This block is part of a 2024 designated historic district called "Germantown Urban Village." The district includes the historic Market Square area which is a mere stone's throw from the huge misfit building being proposed again.

If this building belongs anywhere, it should be on a wider street, one with extensive land around it, not jammed onto a small lot on a tiny street adjacent to the historical center of the entire Germantown neighborhood.

I myself, a homeowner who has resided in Germantown for almost half a century, attended numerous meetings ranging from RCO meetings and ZBA hearings in 2023. No one but the developer supported this project nicknamed the "behemoth" for good reason. It is 5 stories high and towers over the small row houses on the little one way block that ends with a 4 way stop sign.

The back of it nearly touches the yards and houses on the small street behind it. It will block the sun of so many homes, intrude on privacy, create noise, congestion, gridlock and unsafe driving onto and off the block and at the entrance/exit of the building.

How would you like to live somewhere for decades then find a huge building towering over your yard and people on balconies peering in and disturbing your peace?

This is such a wrongheaded proposal for so many reasons. The developer needs to leave this area alone and find an appropriate space or just put it to rest. One company should not be allowed to ruin the community and lives of so many others. It's wrong and unethical.

Sincerely,

Ann Marie Doley

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