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Re: **OBJECTION TO Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)  
at 907 Nora Drive, Silver Spring 20904**

First, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Elizabeth Kelly, and I live at 905 Nora Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904, and have lived there for almost 50 years.

Mr. Arilton Santos owns and lives at 904 Nora Drive. Mr. Santos built an ADU at 904 Nora Dr. which is taller than his home. This ADU is a rental unit.

I am going to try to be as concise as I possibly can as to what has occurred over the years:

1. Over the years, the County has allowed Mr. Santos to build an ADU at his home, 904 Nora Dr., which towers over his house. He has also proceeded to rent out this ADU. (See attached photo)

2. Mr. Santos bought the house next to me at 907 Nora Dr. and converted the lower level to an Apartment. This home has been rented out to two sets of tenants over the years. Mr. Santos has led the County to believe that he lives at this house. He does not live at this house and he has never lived at this house. In the spring of this year, the County evicted, both sets of tenants on short notice. Mr. Santos has again rented out this home. Presently there are three adults and two children living in the home. Mr. Santos has led the county to believe he resides at this house.

3. The County has granted Mr. Santos a license to build an ADU at the back of 907 Nora Dr., believing that Mr. Santos lives there. He intends to build the same high ADU Behind his home at 904 Nora Drive. This will enable Mr. Santos to have two sets of tenants in this ADU along with the other two sets of tenants in the main home. To be able to get by the height requirement, Mr. Santos intends to join this ADU to the main house by a breezeway.

Mr. Santos has thumbed his nose at the Montgomery County time and time again, building an ADU that towers over his home and having the County believe he resides in 907 Nora Dr.. Mr. Santos has never resided at 907 Nora Dr.

Is the County even aware that Arilton Santos is a landlord?

Mr. Santos is in a very unique position as a remodeler (construction contractor) whereby he is able to remove electrical/plumbing and sheet rock when the County comes calling and in a few weeks it's back in place!

Mr. Santos believes he should be able to do whatever wants on his property. He has said words to that affect. This is his mindset. He does not abide by the laws of this County and breaks all the rules.

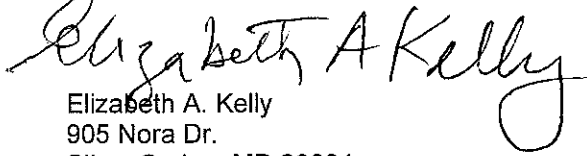
We are very much aware that there is a shortage of housing in Montgomery County and that ADUs are allowed. I do not understand why the County is not enforcing its rules regarding the building of ADUs. Shame on you.!

Exhibit 9(a)  
OZAH Case No: ADO 25-01

Why does Montgomery County government continue to give him the benefit of the doubt after all that he has done? The residents of Nora Drive and the surrounding neighborhood have complained continually, yet Mr. Santos is allowed to continue to break the laws of the County. Please do something. This is our neighborhood too, not just Arilton Santos' neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'y' at the end.

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