

## District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A P. O. Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



November 6, 2013

Ms. Gretchen Pfaehler Chair Historic Preservation Review Board 1100 Fourth Street, SW, Suite E650 Washington, DC 20034

Re: 1301 North Carolina Avenue NE, HPA #13-545

Dear Ms. Pfaehler:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed<sup>1</sup> meeting on October 12, 2013, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the current plans for the installation of rooftop antennas and a generator on the roof of 1301 North Carolina Avenue NE.

We agree with the State Historic Preservation Office determination that the antenna arrays "...would alter this contributing building and the surrounding National Register-listed historic district in a manner that diminishes their integrity of design, setting, feeling, and association...(and)... disagrees with the assertion that the proposed screening will reduce the visual impact of the proposed undertaking,(...advising) that unscreened antennas would also constitute an adverse effect."

The antenna array and generator would be visible from much of Lincoln Park, a national landmark.

The Commission asks that the Board deny the permit request because it fails to meet the Historic Preservation Review Board's guidance for rooftop additions and installations, and because it is inappropriate in this historic district, next to a landmarked park.

Please be advised that Nick Alberti, Daniel Golden and David Holmes are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at David.Holmes@anc.dc.gov.

For the Commission,

David Holmes

Chair

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@googlegroups.com, ANC- 6A and NewHillEast yahoogroups, on the Commission's website, and through print advertisements in the *Hill Rag*.