

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



July 12, 2013

Ms. Gretchen Pfaehler, Chair Historic Preservation Review Board Office of Planning 1100 Fourth Street, SW, Suite E650 Washington, DC 20024

Re: Yes! Organic, 1365 H Street, NE

Dear Ms. Pfaehler,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed¹ meeting on July 11, 2013, our Commission voted unanimously, 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the proposed project at 1365 H Street, NE.

The owner is proposing to develop this landmarked historic site for use as a mid-sized grocery store. We are not aware of any zoning issues with this project.

The ANC supports the proposal, contingent on: 1) the existing street aspect being minimally modified; 2) the new level (s) atop the structure not being visible from across H Street; and 3) the sign being as small as possible to both advertise the store's presence and avoid overwhelming the historic façade; and 4) that service of food or drink from any roof deck be prohibited. Assuming these conditions are adopted, the ANC believes that the proposed changes to the site will provide an aesthetically pleasing fit with the remainder of the H Street corridor.

Please be advised that David Holmes, Andrew Hysell, and Daniel Golden 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.

On behalf of the Commission,

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David Holmes Chair

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