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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Ms. Keara Mehlert Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Via email at bzasubmissions@dc.gov

Re: ANC 6A Support for BZA #21366 of Jonathon Haigh Thornton

Dear Ms. Mehlert,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on October 9, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Jonathon Haigh Thornton at 307 15th Street NE, BZA case number 21366. The applicant is proposing to construct a two-story with basement rear addition, and a garage with second story accessory dwelling unit, to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. Specifically, the applicant is requesting a Special Exception to the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 207.5 pursuant to Subtitle X § 901.2, as well as a Special Exception to the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 210.1, pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2.

During the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting on September 17, 2025, Mr. Thornton and his architect, Joseph Boyette, presented a design which emphasizes historic detailing and contextual massing. They noted that the exception to lot occupancy requirements were driven primarily by the front porch and rear deck. Mr. Thornton noted that he is a neighborhood resident, embarking on a new construction business, and seeks for this project to serve as a “statement piece” to demonstrate quality craftsmanship. With regard to any specific concerns, potential protest, or support for the proposed development, we defer to our colleagues in ANC 7D to evaluate and represent the interests of affected stakeholders, as the property in question is located within SMD 7D07

Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A05@anc.dc.gov, or EDZ Co-Chair Michael Cushman at michael.cushman@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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