



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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October 26, 2025

Honorable Members of the Council of the District of Columbia
Director Brian Hanlon, Department of Buildings
Director Sara Benjamin Bardin, Bureau of Zoning Authority

Dear Council Members and Directors:

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 send this letter setting forth our concerns about vacant property on the north side of the 1000 block of H Street NE (1000-1014 H Street NE) and about a new development in our community proposed by the same property owner.

We are delighted by the prospect for new housing to be developed at the World Vision building at 901 3rd Street NE. However, we are deeply concerned that the plan is being put forward by Dila Development. Dila owns 1000-1014 H Street NE, which has been vacant, periodically vandalized, and graffitied for several years since the business tenants' leases were terminated.

Dila has come to the ANC6A multiple times, over the last few years, with two different plans for building on the 1000 block, each time requesting that the ANC approve exceptions to BZA or affordable housing requirements. As recently as Spring 2025, Dila assured ANC6A that a development plan would move forward if we approved certain plan adjustments. Then, Dila abruptly withdrew these plans, indicating that they did not have funding for development. Now, however, they seem ready and able to develop 901 3rd Street NE.

We frankly find it disturbing that the same developer who is responsible for the continued blighting of almost an entire block of H Street, creating a substantial negative externality for the H Street business and arts district and nearby residences, would be rewarded with approvals to develop presumably market rate condominiums at 901 3rd Street NE.

We believe that our neighborhood and DC deserve better.

Please feel free to contact me at 6A05@ANC.DC.GOV or Commissioner Roberta Shapiro at ANC03@ANC.DC.GOV.

Sincerely,

Dave Wethington
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: CEO Utku Aslanturk, Dila Development
Attorney General Brian Schwalb
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

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