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Mr. Tersh Boasberg, Chair
District of Columbia Historic Preservation Review Board
801 North Capitol Street, NE, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20002

RE: HPA #09-377 (1347 Constitution Ave. NE)

Dear Chairman Boasberg:

At our regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on October 8, 2009, our Commission voted 5-0 (with five commissioners required for a quorum) to support the above referenced application.

The applicant's architect, Mr. Lee Simon, presented plans to the ANC6A Economic Development and Zoning committee regarding the rear addition and alterations to the front of the property. Mr. Simon also presented letters of support for the project from Ms. Regina Thomas (the owner of 1349 Constitution Ave. NE) and from Randy Lange (the owner of 1345 Constitution Ave. NE).

Given that the rear addition would neither adversely affect the air or light of the neighboring properties, is supported by the adjacent landowners, and abides by the historic guidelines set forth by HPRB, the Commission supports this portion of the application before HPRB.

Based on testimony presented by Mr. Simon, the Commission understands the modifications to the basement stairway from the front yard and the widening of the basement apartment's front window well are required to improve the basement stairway's safety and meet fire code requirements. The Commission supports these changes and strongly recommends that owner keep or restore the cast iron steps leading to the ground floor entrance.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Drew Ronneberg at ronneberg6a02@gmail.com or (202) 431-4305.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Mrs. Nancy Metzger, CHRS
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