



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Washington, DC 20013



February 13, 2015

Polly Donaldson
Acting Director, Department of Housing and Community Development
1800 Martin Luther King Avenue, Jr. SE
Washington, DC 20020

Re: Solicitation for Offers for 1600 Block of Kramer Street, N.E.

Dear Acting Director Donaldson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on February 12, 2015,¹ our Commission voted 8-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to write to you regarding the above-referenced solicitation of offers. At the January 21, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission's Economic Development and Zoning Committee three organizations that plan to submit offers in response to the solicitation gave brief presentations regarding their respective plans for the site. Those organizations were: 1) Mi Casa, Inc.; 2) Manna, Inc.; and 3) Neighborhood Development Co. The Commission wishes to express its appreciation to each of those organizations for taking the time to engage with the community with respect to their plans.

During the course of the presentations, a number of community members, including many living near the 1600 block of Kramer Street, expressed their thoughts regarding the development of the site. The general sentiment of the community members who attended was that DHCD should select an organization to develop the site with the following criteria in mind:

- * Promoting moderate density development
- * Preserving green space
- * Maintaining the architectural integrity of the neighborhood.
- * Providing adequate off-street parking
- * Maintaining existing access to garages for other residents who share the alley
- * Ensuring affordably-priced housing
- * Working with DDOE to assess storm water management on site

We understand that offers are due on this project on February 19. We look forward to engaging with you going forward as you select an organization to develop the site. Please be advised that Andrew Hysell and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Hysell can be contacted at hysell6a06@gmail.com.

1 ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@googlegroups.com, ANC-6A and NewHillEast yahogroups, on the Commission's website, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



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On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A