



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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October 3, 2005

Mr. Anthony Freeman, President
National Capital Revitalization Corporation
2025 M Street, NW
Suite 600
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Re: Community input for development of 525 Ninth Street, NE

Mr. Freeman,

At the September 8, 2005, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A, with all eight Commissioners present, voted unanimously to request that the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) adopt the Commission's recommendations provided to the Department of Housing and Community Development on December 10, 2004, regarding the development of this unused District property. In summary, the recommendations are as follows:

1. Give preference to bids for a multi-family residential use such as apartments, flats, or condominiums. This use is supported by the Comprehensive Plan, the Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan, and residents who live near the property. Given the number of other social service providers in the immediate area, the ANC opposes any quasi-residential use such as a Community-Based Residential Facilities;
2. Give preference to bidders with a proven record of successful management of renovations involving asbestos, lead and other environmental hazards; and
3. Give preference to bidders with a proven record of successful redevelopment of properties in historic districts.

Finally, we would encourage NCRC to include a representative from the community to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Community representation on the RFP panel is a critical to ensure the immediate neighborhood concerns are adequately addressed in the development of this property.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose
Mr. Donald Pross, Senior Development Director, NCRC
Ms. Tiffany Simms, External Affairs Coordinator, NCRC