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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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Mr. Andrew Altman  
Director, Office of Planning  
801 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 4000  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Redevelopment of 2 Vacant DHCD Properties in ANC 6A

Dear Mr. Altman,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A is writing to request the assistance of the Office of Planning in the redevelopment of two properties controlled by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) at 525 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NE and 1341 Maryland Avenue, NE.

Our ANC heard a presentation by Stanley Jackson of DHCD on the future of these properties at our March 11, 2004 meeting. At this meeting, Mr. Jackson made a commitment that DHCD would hold public meetings in the next 60 days to discuss the future of these properties with affected residents. Despite the imperative for public input early in the decision-making process and subsequent action on this input, we have noticed a striking lack of measurable progress by DHCD.

Our request is that OP assist DHCD in holding public meetings to discuss the anticipated redevelopment uses of these buildings with the residents of the surrounding neighborhood. At our March meeting, Mr. Jackson mentioned that he would be discussing the redevelopment of these buildings with you in light of the Mayor's commitments to expand opportunities for residential development in the District. We note that the "Housing" Priority in OP's Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan for Cluster 25 has an action item (#2624) to "Provide incentives for developers and individuals for renovation of existing structures."

Certainly, it would be a shame to squander the opportunity that the current real estate market provides to renovate and restore these buildings that have sat vacant for so many years. Every day of delay in scheduling public meetings further jeopardizes the chances for adaptive reuse that would strengthen the surrounding community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose  
Stanley Jackson, Director DHCD