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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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February 15, 2019

Mr. Clifford Moy
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210
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Re: BZA Case No. 19993 (1250 Constitution Avenue NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on February 14, 2019, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request for a variance regarding the location and screening of HVAC units on the lower roof over the kitchen of the new school, and the nature of the parking lot fence for Maury Elementary School at 1250 Constitution Avenue NE (BZA #19993).

The proposed design ensures that the HVAC system is not overly noticeable while still being accessible and functional. The Commission agrees that the proposed design for the parapet creates a cohesive building form with a roof structure that does not appear to be a mechanical screen and is visually unobtrusive. The proposed design of the overall building will meld well into the existing neighborhood.

The Commission strongly believes that the safety of the children attending the school will require a transparent or semi-transparent fence around the parking lot. The zoning code requires a fence separating a parking lot from a sidewalk be solid shrub or solid fence, which our ANC believes is a terrible idea for an elementary school. There will be small children frequently walking or standing near the parking area, and it is important that both drivers and pedestrians be able to see each other for safety. For this reason, our ANC believes that a variance from the rule is warranted. In addition, we recommend that at some point in the future the zoning regulations be amended to make an exception for schools from this regulation.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at AmberANC6A@gmail.com and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber K. Gove".

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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