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November 14, 2016

Mr. Anthony J. Hood, Chair
Ms. Sharon Schellin, Secretary
Zoning Commission, D.C. Office of Zoning
One Judiciary Square
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Case No. 16-19 (H Street Overlay Amendment)

Dear Mr. Hood and Ms. Schellin,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on October 13, 2016,¹ our Commission voted 8-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the proposed amendment to the H Street Overlay regulations. At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on November 10, 2016, our Commission voted 5-0 to add former ANC6A Chair David Holmes as an authorized representative to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. Mr. Holmes can be contacted at davidwholmes@gmail.com

The amendments seek to provide needed clarification to preservation requirements and remove other ambiguities. The goal of the amendment is to protect buildings from being razed while still claiming preservation and to result in more consistent application of regulations.

ANC 6A's experience with development on H Street has shown us that these proposed changes and clarifications are absolutely necessary. Current application of the facade preservation guidelines contravene the intent of the facade preservation FAR bonus, and have led to inconsistent designs and damage to the historic nature of the H Street corridor. The proposed changes will provide clarity and be of great assistance to both developers and the local community.

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: ANC6C, DCRA, Councilmember Ward 6, former ANC6A Chair David Holmes

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