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Ms. Sharon S. Schellin
Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
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RE: ZA Case 10-03 - ANC 6A Support for the 100 City-Owned Parking Spaces (900 H Street NE - H Street Connection Redevelopment)

Dear Ms. Schellin:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on July 8, 2010, our ANC voted 5-2-1 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the inclusion of 100 additional City owned parking spaces as part of the PUD for the H Street Connection redevelopment. We strongly urge the Commission to grant the applicant flexibility to include these additional parking spaces if the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development secures the necessary financing.

The H Street Corridor has made tremendous strides toward economic revitalization in recent years, and has brought many new people to the Corridor to H Street's widely known restaurants, bars and performing arts venues. Because of H Street's very limited on-street parking and the fact that there are no public parking lots on H Street, the result has been a significant increase parking pressures on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Although the new streetcar will give patrons an alternative mode of traveling to the Corridor, many people will still come by car. This is especially true of retail establishments, where a car is often the only practical way to transport goods from a retail establishment to one's house. The ANC believes that without adequate public parking to service H Street businesses, patrons will choose other neighborhoods to meet their needs and retail will fail to develop on the Corridor. Having 100 City owned parking spaces hosted by the H Street Connection redevelopment project will bring much needed commercial parking to H Street and will insure the Corridor's continued economic redevelopment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact me or Commissioner Drew Ronneberg at 202 431-4305, who serves as Chair of the ANC Committee on Economic Development and Zoning.

On behalf of the Commission,

Kelvin J. Robinson
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Harriet Tregoning, Office of Planning Director
Karen Wirt, ANC 6C Chair