

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A P. O. Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



April 14, 2013

Chairman Anthony Hood D.C. Zoning Commission 441 Fourth Street NW, Suite 210S Washington, DC 20001

Re: Murray's / H Street Storage Redevelopment, 6th - 7th and H St, NE (ZC Case #12-18)

Dear Chairman Hood,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on April 11, 2013, our Commission voted 8-0 (with five Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the applicant's request to include a project alternative that would allow the potential inclusion of a large, specialty grocer.

The applicant is proposing the construction of a mixed-used development in the H Street Overlay district. The proposed alternative would not require any changes to the façade. The proposed alternative would route all loading in and out of 7th Street and would be able to accommodate large grocery trucks (55'). In the previous plan some of the loading was off 6th and trucks were not larger than 30'. The other differences between the proposed alternative and previous plan are as follows:

- Increase in maximum height of the building from 87'7" to 90';

Potential loss of parking spaces on 7th Street in order to ensure better circulation for cars at the 7th & H intersection. Applicant is currently working with DDOT on this issue. (Also, by closing all of the curb cuts on H Street, the project will add approximately eight new parking spaces) and;
Increase in size of the roof structure to accommodate the grocery mechanical equipment as well as a shift to the residential core. The location of these changes would not impact the roof structure presence from the street.

ANC 6A supports the proposed alternative because the changes do not vary significantly from the previous plan and would not require any changes to the façade.

Please be advised that Laura Gentile and David Holmes are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. Ms. Gentile can be reached at LGentile6A@verizon.net.

On behalf of the Commission,

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David Holmes, Chair

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